

Ordinary laws 'inadequate' in S. Africa

Botha extends emergency

JOHANNESBURG, June 10. (AP): President P.W. Botha today extended the two-year nationwide state of emergency for another year, saying ordinary laws were inadequate to maintain order.

Anti-apartheid leaders immediately assailed the announcement, which means hundreds of prominent activists will remain in jail without charge. White women from the Black Sash Civil Rights Group stood along highways in Johannesburg during the morning rush hour with posters saying: "Apartheid is the emergency."

Terror

Botha's proclamation came two days after blacks ended their biggest and longest general strike against the white-controlled government. The extension took effect immediately upon publication of a special government gazette in Pretoria, the capital.

"It is indeed the aspiration of the government that conditions will change to such an extent that the declared state of emergency can be lifted," Botha said in a statement.

"Intimidation and terror are aimed at undermining the political, economic and social activities of all our communities. It is also being employed to disrupt our courts and legal procedures," he said.

The emergency regulations allow sweeping powers of detention, outlaw many forms of peaceful anti-government protests and restrict freedom of speech, press and assembly.

Helen Suzman, a long-serving member of parliament for the anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party, said Botha's announcement was "extremely depressing, and hardly likely to restore confidence in the future stability of South Africa."

"We might just as well prepare

ourselves for a permanent state of emergency," said independent member of parliament Jan van Eck. "A minority regime will not be able to govern this country without the very wide and very arbitrary powers afforded by the state of emergency."

Under apartheid, South Africa's 26 million blacks have no vote in national affairs. The 5 million whites control the economy and maintain separate residential districts, schools and health services.

Strike

Despite banning of anti-apartheid groups and restrictions on their leaders, more than 2 million blacks stayed away from work, school and shops from Monday to Wednesday. The strike was called to protest these restrictions and oppose labour legislation that could weaken black unions.

Botha declared the nationwide emergency on June 12, 1986,

after two years of daily violence that claimed 1,700 lives. By mid-1987, the violence lessened, although the toll had reached 2,500 from township political violence, anti-apartheid protests and security force attacks.

More than 100 bombings and land mine explosions have rocked the country in the past two years, most of them blamed on the outlawed African National Congress, the major guerrilla group fighting the government. ANC leaders, in recent interviews, have vowed to escalate attacks.

Decline

Despite a sharp decline in violence in most black townships, new emergency decrees were imposed this year.

In February, 17 anti-apartheid organisations, including the nationwide United Democratic Front coalition, were banned from all political activity.



Looking after husband comes first: Nancy

WASHINGTON, June 10. (AP): Nancy Reagan said on Thursday that a First Lady must be "a stone wall" when it comes to looking after her husband's health, "and if that interferes with affairs of state, then so be it."

Mrs Reagan, in a speech to the World Gas Conference, said "No First Lady need make apologies for looking out for her husband's welfare."

Although Mrs Reagan made no reference to former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, her remarks were clearly directed at the critical portrait he painted of her in his recently published book, "For the Record."

The book disclosed that Mrs Reagan consulted an astrologer for aid in helping prepare her husband's schedule. Regan also portrayed the US First Lady as controlling access to the President in the weeks following his prostate surgery in 1985, and having engineered Regan's ouster in the aftermath of the Iran-Contra affair.

Mrs Reagan has refused to comment directly on the assertions in Regan's book. In her speech, she made no mention of astrology.

Norway, Israel settle heavy water dispute

OSLO, June 10. (Reuters): Norway and Israel have resolved a dispute over heavy water sold by Oslo almost 30 years ago, but government sources said the compromise solution would not allow Norway to check whether it was used to make atomic weapons.

Foreign Ministry spokesman John Bjoernebye told Reuters today that Norway could now inspect heavy water left over from a secret 1959 sale to Israel. "The solution is a compromise," Bjoernebye said. "Although we will run chemical analysis, it will give us no real opportunity to find out what it has been used for."

Norway sold the water on condition that it was used only for peaceful purposes. In late 1986 Oslo demanded the right to inspect after suspicions were roused that Israel had used it to make plutonium for atomic weapons.

Israel refuses to confirm or deny that it possesses such weapons and initially turned

down the request.

Bjoernebye said the water, of which about nine tonnes remain from the original 20, had been mixed with supplies from other countries. A Norwegian request to inspect the water at Israel's dimona nuclear reactor had also been turned down.

Compromise

But in this week's final round of negotiations in Oslo, Israel had reversed its original rejection of a request for the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to inspect the water on Norway's behalf.

"That was their part of the compromise," one government source said. "We have also won the right to inspect our water, through the IAEA, every time it is used in the future."

Theo Koritzinsky, a left-wing member of parliament who played a key role in questioning what happened to the water, said Norway had given in to Israel by conceding that it could not prove how the water had been used.

Palestinian state

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Arafat initially asked the summit for \$600 million a year, saying the revolt cost the PLO more than \$50 million per month in relief, compensation for wages lost by strikers and medical expenses of injured rioters. The sum was reduced after negotiations among the eight-member committee.

The Gulf states turned down Arafat's initial request, claiming their funds were limited by instability of the world oil market and the effects of the Gulf war on their oil exports, delegation sources said.

The PLO later agreed to cut its requirements to \$300 to \$400 million, the sources said, but delegates of the Gulf states said even that was beyond their means.

At the 1978 Arab summit in Baghdad, the oil-rich states promised the PLO, Jordan and Syria a subsidy of \$3 billion spread over a 10-year period. Of this, the PLO was to receive \$400 million, or \$40 million per year.

Kussief of Jordan complained to the summit on Wednesday that only a small part of the subsidy ever reached the recipients.

Condemn

On the Gulf war, Iraq and its conservative allies made last-minute gains, inserting a strong condemnation of Iran for rejecting peace initiatives and terrorism by Gulf neighbours like Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

The communiqué welcomed Iraq's recent successes on the battlefield and promised Arab solidarity to help to recover the rest of Iraqi territory under Iranian occupation.

The conference also condemned the American aggression against Libya, an apparent reference to US air raids in April 1986.

It also expressed its support for Libya's sovereignty over the Gulf of Sirte, in accordance with international agreements.

Egypt

Saudi Arabia and North Yemen called on the summit to approve the immediate readmission of Egypt to the Arab League but were rebuffed by the summit host, Algeria, sources at the meeting said.

The delegates, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Algeria and the moderate pro-Egyptian majority in the 21-member Arab League reached a compromise that would pave the way for Egypt's possible readmission at the next regular summit of the League scheduled for November in the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

But Libya and Syria maintained their uncompromising opposition to Egypt's readmission, the sources said.

Israelis say Arafat emerged the victor and the Middle East peace process the loser at the summit.

Returning from the United Nations today Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he was not surprised by a summit resolution calling for the creation of a Palestinian state, but predicted it would have little effect.

Zia announces new cabinet

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Other new ministers included Sardar Wazir Ahmad Jozzai of Baluchistan, Ellahi Bakhsh Somroo, a powerful politician from Sind province, PPP associate Mir Hazar Khan Bujari, and young technocrat Nisar Ali Khan.

Zia told the cabinet at a meeting later that its first priority would be to ensure elections were held, the official APP news agency reported.

It said Zia also gave the cabinet four other priorities: accelerating a process of Islamisation, devising a system of speedy and inexpensive justice, restoration of peaceful conditions and economic recovery.

He "emphasised the need to streamline administration to make it honest, effective, impartial and accountable" and called for measures to effect austerity and maximum decentralisation of authority, APP said.

In Karachi, Benazir told supporters Pakistanis cared more for an election date than a caretaker government.

"The people want a date for elections and this should be announced without further delay," she said.

She said Zia had brought in his own men in the cabinet as expected, and added: "The public is wondering why the parliaments (National Assembly and four provincial assemblies) were dissolved if the same old faces were to be sworn in."

Zia had been scheduled to visit the United States beginning June 11. He was to address the United Nations special session on disarmament, meet with President Reagan and see some American cities.

"The trip is off," said a US diplomat speaking on condition of anonymity. No specific reason was provided.

Harrods girls selling sex

LONDON, June 10. (Reuters): Harrods, the department store where Queen Elizabeth shops, has launched an investigation into a newspaper report that some girls working at its perfume counters sold sex to customers.

The Daily Mirror tabloid said in a front-page story headlined "Sex for sale in Harrods" that freelance salesgirls, hired through agencies, earned up to £1,000 (\$1,800) a day in cash and gold jewellery to take part in champagne, sex and drugs parties.

"They are serious allegations and therefore we are holding a full inquiry into the matter," a spokesman for Harrods said.

Aid workers describe heavy casualties

Somali troops kill dozens

NAIROBI, June 10. (AP): Somali troops have executed dozens of men and destroyed homes of suspected rebel sympathisers in Hargeisa town where at least 1,000 people have been killed or wounded in recent fighting, foreign aid workers airlifted from the warzone said yesterday.

The evacuees, some of more than three dozens who arrived in Nairobi on Wednesday, could not give an accurate count of the number killed or wounded in fighting that began with a moonlit rebel attack May 31 in the northern town of Hargeisa.

Nor could they say how many of the casualties were civilians, soldiers or rebels.

However, their accounts

depicted bloodier hostilities than so far admitted by the pro-Western government of Maj. Gen. Mohammed Siad Barre.

Jean Metenier, 28, a French technician working for the German emergency doctors humanitarian organisation, said about 1,000 wounded were admitted to Hargeisa hospital in the first five days of clashes.

"Probably most of them were soldiers," he said. "I think in town, a lot of people have been injured, mostly civilians."

Bodies

Metenier, who was responsible for renovating the hospital, said he saw dozens of bodies around the town, Somalia's second largest, including almost

two dozen corpses of young men in civilian garb found behind his house.

"The soldiers would make summary trials, and then execute them," said Metenier, whose house was next to that of Gen. Mohamed "Morgan" Siyad, Somalia's northern Army commander and Barre's brother-in-law. "They were all in civilian clothes and all young men."

Metenier said he did not witness the executions, but heard the gunfire and counted 21 bodies between May 31 and June 2.

He said troops operating bulldozers one day scooped up five of the bodies behind his house and dumped them on a street corner a block away.

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Radicals prevented from meeting N. Koreans

Students battle police

SEOUL, June 10, (Reuters): South Korean riot police today repeatedly battled radical students trying to leave Seoul and march to the border to meet a youth delegation from communist North Korea.

Black armour-plated riot control trucks spewed hundreds of "quads of skin-burning pepper" as an estimated 4,000 students who refused to turn back at a road block in northern Seoul. Earlier thousands of club-wielding students attacked police lines around the capital's Yonsei University.

Meanwhile, the 13-member Northern delegation arrived at the Panmunjom border village accompanied by journalists and officials, according to the North Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) monitored in Tokyo.

The South Korean government, which maintains the proposed student meeting is merely a Pyongyang propaganda ploy, mobilised an estimated 60,000 police to stop the Southern radicals joining them.

By afternoon, the time at which the "national reunification" meeting was due to take place, no Southern students had reached the Imjin River, threshold to the demilitarised zone and Panmunjom.

A Reuters correspondent at Imjin-Gak, on the southern shore of the river, said two youths managed to get within several hundred metres of the crossing point but they were stopped by a huge police

presence.

Another man was arrested as he tried to take a mountain trail down to a bridge over the Imjin, the last natural barrier on the route from Seoul to the border 50 km north of the capital.

In all, the correspondent said, only 37 of the promised 40,000 student campaigners managed to elude police and reach the town of Munsan, a few km before Imjin-Gak. All were detained in the town. Some of them were kicked and punched as they were hauled away.

There were 10 extra road blocks today on the already heavily guarded main highway running north from Seoul towards Imjin-Gak.

Back in Seoul, some 4,000 students lay down in the road leading north and dared police to move them, witnesses said. The lie-in lasted the time it took police to bring up their armoured gas trucks which quickly dispersed the protesters.

Arrests

Police made more than 100 arrests and made the detainees kneel on the road, witnesses said. The North Korean delegation at Panmunjom, meanwhile, was making the best of the situation.

KCNA said delegation chief Ko Ung-Sam, from Kim Il-Sung University in Pyongyang, entered the conference hall at the border village at the prescribed hour and sat waiting for his Southern counterparts.

"He expressed the belief that

the South Korean students will certainly make their appearance at the place for talks, because they initiated talks and designated the date and time for talks," the official agency said.

North Korean newspapers earlier criticised the Seoul government for preventing its students attending the talks, which it said were aimed at furthering national reunification.

Southern students also wanted to express support for Pyongyang's demand to be allowed to co-host this summer's Olympic Games.

Criminal act

Earlier KCNA quoted Rodong Simun, the newspaper of the ruling Korean Workers' Party, as slamming Seoul's decision to thwart Southern participation in the border talks.

"This is an arbitrary and Fascist anti-national criminal act that can be committed only by the Roh Tae-Woo group which stands in awe of the people and is opposed to reunification," the Northern daily said.

South Korean President Roh, who took power in February after the country's first free election in 16 years, opposed the student radicals' plan to march to Panmunjom.

On Wednesday, though, he again stressed his personal commitment to working towards national reunification, asking the student leaders to trust his government's efforts on this path.

Indians can have sex with foreigners

NEW DELHI, June 10, (AP):

The Law Ministry has rejected a proposed fine and jail term for Indians caught having sex with foreigners, saying the plan for fighting AIDS would violate the constitution, news reports said today.

The Indian Council for Medical Research earlier this week proposed the three-month jail sentence and fine as a way to stop the spread of the deadly Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

All but one of the 12 AIDS deaths in India were people who had contracted the disease abroad, according to the council.

The proposal, which did not say how the law would be enforced, prompted mixed reaction.

The Indian Express newspaper, in an article today under the headline, "No sex please, we are Indians," raised the specter of a "police peeping squad" with "special accessories" to bring culprits from the bedroom to the jailhouse.

Despite the rejection today, Dr S.P. Tripathi, a director general of the council, told the newspaper the issue would be raised in parliament next year after a national debate.

Tripathi said he would like the legislation to include mandatory testing of all people arriving in India from abroad, including returning Indians. But he insisted the move was not meant to scare away tourists.

Three killed as rival Palestinians clash in Beirut

BEIRUT, June 10, (AP): Rival Palestinian commando factions battled with howitzers and mortars in Beirut's Chatilla and Bourj El Barajneh refugee camps through the night until soon after dawn today.

Police said three people were killed and 15 wounded in the

fighting between Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction and the dissident Fatah-Uprising, led by Col. Saeed Mousa.

The casualties raised the known toll from two days of fighting to five killed and 25 wounded.

The thud of exploding shells

echoed across Beirut until a ceasefire called by a security committee, comprising representatives of all Palestinian factions, took hold early this morning, a police spokesman said.

The ceasefire, the second in as many days, was "generally holding," the spokesman said. He

cannot be named understanding regulations.

Mousa broke with Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation in 1983 and established headquarters in Damascus, the Syrian capital.

Scores of people, many of them civilians, have been killed.

Israel's use of teargas caused miscarriages

TEL AVIV, June 10, (Reuters): An Israeli Member of Parliament said on Thursday that the Army caused up to 30 miscarriages through misuse of teargas to quash a Palestinian uprising in the occupied Gaza Strip.

Dedi Zucker of the Citizens' Rights Movement made the allegation in a letter he sent to the Health and Defence ministries with a separate report by six Israeli doctors accusing the Army of excesses.

"The evidence is strong that gas has been misused. Unnecessary damage has been caused, including death or miscarriages, mainly by throwing it indoors," he told Reuters.

"Many times teargas is directed at closed areas despite professional warnings of the substantial danger to life."

Zucker said doctors at Gaza's Shifa Hospital believed that 30 of 478 miscarriages between December and March could be attributed to teargas. The 30 were among 116 women who said they were exposed to the gas.

He said Israeli officials were aware of these statistics. Zucker, a human rights activist, organised the team of Israeli doctors with the help of defence officials — to examine the medical situation in Gaza amid accusations the Army used excessive force.

An Army spokesman denied Zucker's allegations, saying they contradicted the very conclusions of the six doctors.

"The doctors' report that he himself submitted says that not only is there no connection, but also that there has been no rise in miscarriages compared to the same months last year when there was no uprising," the spokesman said.

The spokesman claimed the Israeli forces did not use teargas in enclosed areas, but used it to disperse crowds.

"Teargas itself cannot cause miscarriages. But if women in pregnancy are part of a demonstration, and teargas is fired, the excitement — the byproduct of the demonstrations — can stimulate miscarriages," he said.

Thaw in Israeli-Soviet ties

Shamir meets Shevardnadze

UNITED NATIONS, June 10 (AP): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on Thursday to discuss the Middle East, in what could signal a warming of Soviet-Israeli relations.

It was Shamir's first meeting with a Soviet official since he met then Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in 1984. Shevardnadze has met previously with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who takes a more flexible position on the Middle East.

Shamir and Shevardnadze entered a UN conference room separately for a meeting but did not speak with reporters.

The Soviet Union broke diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 Middle East war but recently increased contacts and moved toward exchange of consular officials.

The Soviet Union sought the meeting with Shamir, in the first contact with the conservative leader who has opposed the Soviet call for a Middle East peace conference and the exchange of Israeli occupied Arab lands for peace.

Israel favours direct bilateral negotiations with her Arab neighbours, and officials say an international conference is an excuse for not negotiating directly with Israel. It says it will not accept any imposed settlement.

Dialogue

Shamir said he would ask Shevardnadze to open a new and friendly dialogue and to move toward re-establishment of diplomatic relations. Some foreign diplomats have speculated that the Soviet Union might consider recognising Israel if the Jewish state agrees to an international conference.

opposition leaders denounced the bill as a "cunning" political move by Ershad to divert attention from worsening economic and other problems and to win cheap popularity.

Bangladesh is the world's third most populous Muslim country, after Indonesia and Pakistan. Nearly 90 per cent of its 105 million people are Muslims. The rest are Hindus, Christians and Buddhists.

A seven-party alliance headed by Begum Khaleda Zia, who is also a member of parliament, also called for a stoppage on Sunday.

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Ershad disagrees with the opposition view that making Islam the state religion could foment communal violence. He says Islam itself guarantees freedom for other religions, peace and stability.

Prime Minister Mujibur Rahman has also strongly defended the Islamic Bill.

"Tell me right away if there has been any discrimination in the

name of religion or anyone has been denied jobs because he is a non-Muslim," he told parliament on Wednesday night.

"The government of President Ershad does not believe in politics based on religion."

At least five students were injured and 25 vehicles were burned or damaged in sporadic protests on Wednesday against the Islamisation law.

Meanwhile, nearly 70 people were injured when Bangladeshi students, demanding the right to cheat during college final examinations, fought teachers and police with stones and homemade bombs, police said today.

Police fired birdshot, used batons and arrested over a dozen people while dispersing hundreds of students who ransacked examination centres at Narsingdi, about 50 km from Dhaka, on Thursday.

Soviets leave Pakia province

ISLAMABAD, June 10, (AP): The last Soviet troops pulled out of Afghanistan's eastern province of Pakia on Thursday, according to state-run Radio Kabul.

The report was similar to earlier reports from Western diplomats.

The soldiers left from the provincial capital of Gardez, about 500 kilometres south of the Soviet Union. Heavy fighting has been reported on the road north from Gardez, particularly along the Salang Highway in northern Baghlan province.

Protest against Islamisation in Bangladesh

Opposition calls strike

DHAKA, June 10, (Reuters): The main opposition parties in Bangladesh have called a general strike for Sunday in a protest against establishing Islam as the state religion.

"Mills and factories will shut, transport will not move and offices will be kept inoperative during the eight-hour strike on June 12," an eight-party alliance led by Sheikh Hasina said in a statement.

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Ruling party leads in Sri Lanka polls

COLOMBO, June 10, (AP): The ruling United National Party swept two districts in polling for a regional council in southern province, election officials said today. Election-related violence left five people dead and severely reduced voter turnout.

Ballot counting continued in the province's third district, Galle, and observers said the UNP was likely to capture most of its 22 seats as well and take a clear majority on the 53-member council.

Bandula Kulatunga, of the elections department in Colombo, said results from Thursday's voting in Hambantota district gave the UNP 12 seats and one each to the United Socialist Alliance and an independent candidate.

In Matara district, the governing party also captured 12 seats, while the United Socialist Alliance won five, he said.

Southern province is the seventh of the island nation's nine provinces to elect councils. Polling dates have not yet been set in the Northern and Eastern

provinces, where the five-year-old Tamil insurgency continues.

The UNP also won majorities on the councils in the other six districts.

The councils were established in an accord signed with India last July that has filled so far to end the Tamil revolt in the North and East of the island.

Autonomy

The councils are intended to give more autonomy to the provinces without giving the Tamil minority a separate nation.

But militant Sinhalese claim the accord gives away too much and have been fighting unsuccessfully to block the elections.

During voting Thursday, Sinhalese extremists of the People's Liberation Front killed a minor government official in southern province, and police killed an unidentified Sinhalese youth.

Three people were killed earlier in the week in election-related violence in the province. The front also blew up electricity and telephone lines, burned buses and fired on trains.

On Wednesday, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told reporters, "the Middle East situation has a good chance now to be radically improved."

India, which to show support for a Palestinian uprising refused to play Davis Cup tennis in Israel, has pledged to upgrade official ties with the Jewish state, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

Israel radio reported that Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi promised an American Jewish leader in New York that India would increase diplomatic relations in the next two weeks. It said Rajiv asked that the promise remain secret.

India has no official representation in Israel, although the Israelis have a consulate in Bombay accredited to the state of Maharashtra.

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President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon (left) holds talks with HH the Amir of Kuwait in Algiers on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto)



HH the Amir (second right) returned to Kuwait yesterday after attending the Arab summit in Algiers. The Amir was received by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

Amir receives Arab leaders

ALGIERS, June 10, (KUNA): HH the Amir received at his residence in Algiers yesterday the President of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Haydar Abu Baker Al Attas and later he received the President of Mauritania, Moawya Ould Ahmed Al Tazi.

The Amir received also President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon and received the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz.

The Amir visited the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

56 per cent pass secondary school arts exam

THE Minister of Education, Anwar Al Nouri, yesterday announced the results of the Secondary School Certificate arts exam. Among those who appeared for the exams 56 per cent passed, which was far below the last year's result of 73 per cent.

Alisar Saqqallah, a girl student from Fajr Al Sabah private school topped the list with an aggregate of 98.4 per cent.

The minister said that the success rate for public schools was 63 per cent, slightly more than that of private schools.

Schools for adult education were placed at the bottom with a bare average of 20 per cent.

Computer science to be introduced

THE Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education, Abdurrahman Al Khudari, issued a decision to incorporate computer science into the secondary classes curriculum as of the academic year 1988-1989. Initially, the experiment will be introduced in some of the girls and boys and schools of the ministry and will encompass all schools in the future.

UAE condemns acquisition of N-weapons by Israel

UNITED NATIONS, June 10, (KUNA): Arab states yesterday paid tribute to UN efforts to promote disarmament and curb the arms race, but warned that Israel and South Africa's nuclear capabilities pose a threat to the world.

Speaking in the General Assembly's special session on disarmament, Mohammad Hussein Al Shaali, chairman of the delegation of the United Arab Emirates, condemned the acquisition of nuclear weapons by the two states which he said could destabilise the Middle East and Africa.

It is important, he said, that the international community acts to ensure that the two countries place their nuclear facilities under international inspection.

Al Shaali said his government

supports the creation of a nuclear weapons-free zone in the Middle East.

Sudanese representative Amin Abdoun told the meeting their special session reflects the concerns of the international community about the future of the world. He said a regime of collective security is essential.

Guarantees

While the US-Soviet summit is commendable, he said that notwithstanding their achievements the arms race continues.

He called for denuclearised zones in the Middle East and other regions and condemned the nuclear power programmes of Israel and South Africa.

Foreign Minister Jaddallah Azouq Al Talhi of Libya said

until real and enhanced detente has been established, non-nuclear states need guarantees against the use or threat of use of such weapons.

"The fact that the racist regimes in occupied Palestine and South Africa have acquired nuclear capabilities confirms the conviction of the people of Africa and the Middle East that security imbalances will persist in their regions," he said.

Al Talhi warned that the collaboration between South Africa and some major Western states will boost its nuclear capabilities and create "a nightmare" for Africa.

He also deplored attempts by "certain countries and industrial corporations" to bury or store nuclear and industrial wastes in Africa.

Awadi criticises UNDP practices

GENEVA, June 10, (KUNA): A senior Kuwaiti official yesterday made stinging remarks about negative practices of the UN Development Programme and urged special attention to development projects in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, in Lebanon and in Arab least-developed countries.

Miss Meriam Al Awadi, assistant undersecretary for technical cooperation in Kuwait's Planning Ministry made the remarks while addressing the 35th session of the UNDP's board of governors, currently meeting in Geneva.

Noting that Kuwait has voluntarily condescended its share of financial assistance by the UNDP since 1976, Miss Awadi said the country foots the bill for its requirements from technical assistance extended by the programme.

"My country," the official added, "expects the programme to provide it with high-level experts enjoying experience, creativeness and performance according to requisites of the state."

She noted, however, that some

experts seconded by the UNDP to Kuwait lack such qualifications and blamed some UN specialised agencies for failure to make the necessary effort in selection of experts.

The official also criticised the UNDP for adopting standard forms for technical assistance projects irrespective of their suitability to apply to different agricultural, industrial, training and educational purposes.

She further made note of the emphasis made in project agreements on the special rights of executive agencies without giving equal attention to rights of the concerned state and called for renewal of the procedure.

In conclusion, Miss Awadi drew attention to lack of certain specialisations among regional advisors, hoping the programme will give consideration to chances of making use of them at the appropriate time and for adequate periods.

Juvenile centres

SOURCES at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry said the juvenile care act No. 3/1983 authorised new centres and offices to provide care and social services to delinquent juveniles. These centres included the Youth Social Hostel which catered to both sexes. Inmates were referred to the centre by the Criminal Intelligence Public Department, Social Service Department at the Education Ministry including parents of the juveniles.

272 students expelled for cheating

assistant undersecretary for planning and development at the Education Ministry, has said that 272 students were not allowed to complete examinations of the Secondary School Certificate because of cheating. He added that the ministry had strictly controlled the exams to prevent cheating among students. Al Hamad said that the exams this year had been normal and that the only complaint the ministry had received from students concerned was the short time allowed for the Islamic education exam.

Naji Al Ali murder case

Arab accused of spying for Israel

LONDON, June 10, (KUNA): An Arab accused of storing an arms cache in his bathroom was secretly spying for Israel, the central criminal court in London heard Friday.

Jordanian research assistant Ismael Sowan was arrested by British anti-terrorist squad detectives when they found arms and explosives in his flat and at his home, northern England.

Sowan alleged that he was looking after them for Abdel Rahman Mustapha, who is suspected by British police of being involved in the murder of the prominent Palestinian cartoonist, Naji Al Ali, in London last year.

Confirmed

Sowan admitted candidly to the court that he was working for the Israeli security service, Mossad.

Part of his brief was "to feed the Israelis information about

Mustapha's movements in England."

When British police checked Sowan's confession with the Israeli Embassy in London they confirmed that "he was in contact with them on occasions and in the summer last year he had told them that he was storing these suitcases for Mustapha".

Nothing, who represents the prosecution said.

Sowan, 28, denied illegal possession of the explosives and arms.

He said that he had no idea what was in the suitcases when he agreed to store them at his home.

The defence lawyer, David Cocks, said Israel's admission that Sowan had been working for them for some time was "an astonishing, bizarre and intriguing feature in the case."

He said Sowan was born a Palestinian in Jerusalem and "trod through a maze of conflict-

ing loyalties."

The lawyer told the court that Sowan "had been paid by the Israelis for a long time."

"They paid for his flat while he was living in Paris and was given a reasonable sum each month. When he came here they paid him 600 pounds a month for what he was doing. He was keeping his eyes open on behalf of the Israelis."

Suspicious

After Mustapha asked him to look after the suitcases while he was abroad, Sowan became "suspicious" about their contents, said Cocks.

"He made an appointment to see the Israeli authorities while he was on holiday there. They told him not to worry and that a man called David would be in touch with him when he arrived back in England," the defence added.

But shortly after his return police raided his flat and he was arrested.

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Kuwait, Jordan sign agricultural agreement

AMMAN, June 10, (KUNA): Jordan and Kuwait on Wednesday night signed an agreement on bolstering cooperation in the agricultural sector, particularly in the field of exchanging scientific and technical data and visits by experts from both countries.

The agreement was signed by director general of the Public Authority for Agriculture, Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah, who is currently visiting Jordan, and Jordanian Minister of Agriculture, Marwan Al Homoud.

The agreement stressed the importance of cooperation in exchanging scientific and technical information in the agricultural sector, including agricultural research between the Jor-

danian national centre for agricultural research and transfer of technology and both the public authority for agricultural affairs and fish resources and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research with the aim of benefiting from scientific researches on the agricultural field.

Exchange

The agreement also called for the exchange of experts and consultants in the field of grains, particularly wheat, development of afforestation, marketing of agricultural products and policies of subsidising these products and protecting agricultural resources and grazing lands.

The two sides agreed on encouraging joint agricultural projects in Jordan and the

exchange of agricultural products, particularly vegetables, fruits, poultry products and sheep.

Sheikh Ibrahim spoke at the signing ceremony and expressed Kuwait's thanks for Jordan for its readiness to participate in the plan for afforestation of Kuwait.

Basis

Sheikh Ibrahim also said that during his visit to Jordan, "we succeeded in laying down the basis for coordination between the authority and the Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture."

He expressed hope that such contacts would continue to consolidate relations in the interest of both Arab countries.

Sheikh Ibrahim invited the Jordanian Minister of Agriculture who accepted the invitation and the date is to be decided later.

Sheikh Ibrahim and the delegation accompanying him will return to Kuwait on Friday at the end of a week-long visit to Jordan.

Planning council priority for food security

THE Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Planning Foad Abdel Rahman Mulla Hussein yesterday said that the council's economic committee is bent on setting up a future perspective for the country's economic structure.

In a statement to KUNA, Hussein added that the committee proposes the best ways, through which a system is built on objective basis and takes into account priority development process in the various sectors.

Within this framework, he noted, the economic committee hosted board chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij to get acquainted with the authority's role in achieving the food security strategy and the problems facing the crop and animal production.

Sheikh Ibrahim, in his explanations, touched on some of the problems which confront investors in the agricultural sec-

tor, most important of which is the shortage of credit and support extended by the Credit and Savings Bank Hussein said.

The head of the authority said that due to the special attention given by citizens to palm trees, the authority along with the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research focussed on conducting tests in an effort to obtain good and new strains of this fruit-yielding tree.

The secretary-general of the Supreme Planning Council quoted Sheikh Ibrahim as indicating that cooperation and coordination between the six states of the Gulf Cooperation Council is vital in the field of food security, fisheries, poultry and dairy products.

Mumtaz post

THE Ministry of Communications, Post Office Department has announced that effective 15 June, the Mumtaz post service will include Sudan (Khartoum only).

Kuwaiti delegate criticises IAEA's report on Israeli nuclear capabilities

VIENNA, June 10, (KUNA): Arab delegations participating in the meetings of the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency vehemently criticised a report by IAEA's director-general Hans Blix on "the Israeli nuclear capabilities and their danger on world and regional peace."

Blix was entrusted to prepare a report on the topic by the agency's general conference held here in September, 1987.

In statements to KUNA, head of the Kuwaiti delegation Abdullah Munayes described the report as "meagre, weak and does not meet the requirements" in this respect.

Munayes, who was speaking on behalf of Arab delegations, said Blix only stressed some general ideas and well-known concepts without adding anything new.

The secretary-general had plenty of time to receive Israeli replies to his queries about the nature of Israeli nuclear installations and the agency's right to

inspect them, Munayes said. Blix presented an ambiguous explanation of the disappearance of heavy water obtained by Israel from Norway in 1959 which Israel said it was subject to Norwegian guarantees, he said.

Munayes noted, however, guarantees should be obtained from the IAEA, not from a certain country.

Munayes, chief engineer at Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water, said Arab delegations are presently preparing an appropriate reply to the meagre report in co-ordination with other countries who sympathised with the Arab viewpoint.

The Arab board of nuclear energy will hold a meeting next Tuesday in Tunis to discuss the outcome of this meeting as well as Israeli nuclear threats.

In an attempt to cover up shortcomings of the report, Blix said the IAEA is specialised in controlling industrial nuclear installations, but is not able to prepare a study over Israeli

military nuclear potentials, said the Kuwaiti official.

The board of governors reviewed here today more than 20 items topped by expulsion of Israel from the agency for its refusal to accept investigation tours by IAEA officials.

Nuclear threat of South Africa on world peace was discussed on the sidelines of the meeting.

University plays key role

IN an interview with a local daily, the dean of the faculty of commerce at Kuwait University, Dr Modhi Al Humoud said the university played a significant role in fostering the administrative and training courses of private sector employees.

The administrative apparatus at the university for the past two years had persistently endeavoured to develop research and academic development, she said.

GCC customs exemption

THE director-general of the customs authority, Ibrahim Al Ghanim, said that directors of customs authorities of the GCC states decided to permit vehicles carrying medical equipment or such designated vehicles attending to any accidents at oil refineries in the GCC states to enter without going through the process of normal customs checks at the borders. He added that customs directors recommended in their last meeting held in Riyadh to continue enforcing the submission of the Certificate of Origin of goods imported. The decision was approved by the GCC Economic and Financial Co-operation Committee.

He went on to state that the meeting reviewed the disputes among the GCC states related to the commercial exchange activities and the problems that face national products of the GCC states at the customs centres of their respective states. These problems occurred due to reasons of health, environmental and security requirements. The committee members will work to find solutions he said.

Al Ghanim stated that the GCC states agreed to an exchange of experiences and views among customs authorities to develop and co-ordinate their activities. The officials of the customs authorities agreed to:

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on the proposal of the GCC secretariat to set up a technical committee to discuss various projects prepared in co-operation with the Economic and Social Organisation of West Asia to develop a unified system for transporting goods among the GCC states.

Explosion case verdict June 28

PRESIDENT of the State Security Court, counsellor Mohammad Abdul Hai Al Banay on Thursday said that June 28 will be the day to issue verdict on the five Kuwaitis who were charged with acquisition and possession of explosive materials with the intention of committing crimes.

The State Security Court started its first session in the case last Saturday when the following five defendants: Ibrahim Abbas Zainel, Sulaiman Abbas Zainel, Hassan Ibrahim Mohammad Hussein, Mohammad Ibrahim Abbas Ja'far and Ahmad Hassan Khamees, who is still at large, were accused of planning assassinations and manufacturing explosives to commit crimes.

The judgement hearing will be open to reporters and the public provided that they acquire a special permission endorsed by head of the State Security Court.

Jail term reduced

THE Court of Higher Appeals reduced to seven years an original 10-year sentence imposed on an accused for shooting another man.

The court was informed that the accused suspected his wife of having an adulterous affair with the victim. Keeping a vigil, the accused saw the victim enter his house. He confronted the victim and his wife in the privacy of his bedroom and shot the accused.

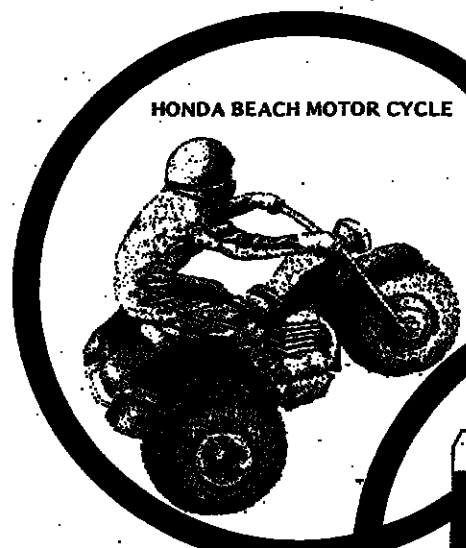
Kuwait to be briefed on Moscow summit

SEYASSAH newspaper yesterday reported that American and Soviet envoys will arrive in Kuwait next week. Quoting informed sources, the newspaper said the purpose of the visit is to acquaint Kuwaiti officials with the results of the Soviet and American leaders summit. The American envoys will also acquaint Kuwaiti officials with the results of the latest visit of US Secretary of State George Shultz to the Middle East.

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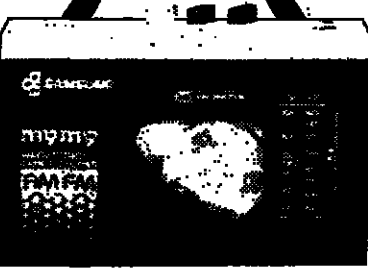


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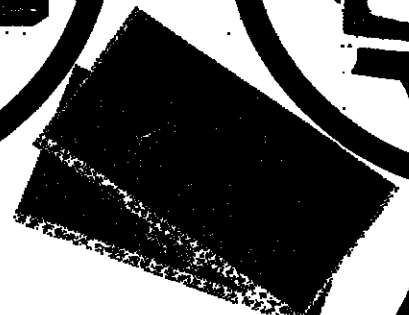
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Nomination firmly in hand

Bush starts his battle with Dukakis

By Michael Gelb

LOS ANGELES, (Reuter): Michael Dukakis and George Bush, their nominations firmly in hand as US presidential candidates for the Democrats and Republicans, are gearing for a five-month battle in which the better known Bush seems at this stage to be the underdog.

Opinion polls show Massachusetts governor Dukakis leading Vice-President Bush by up to 15 points nationally as well as having a similar substantial lead in the two key states of California and New York, which together account for 83 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the Nov 8 election.

Opinion polls conducted five months before the election have a mixed record for forecasting the outcome, but most political experts agree the once high-flying Bush has lost the lead.

Surveys show about 40 per cent of the voters hold an unfavourable opinion of the vice-president. Many voters believe he is a weak leader with few strongly held views.

Troublesome

Political experts say this is particularly troublesome because it is difficult to change voters' minds once they decide they do not like a candidate.

Many experts say Bush has been too slow in stepping out of President Reagan's shadow, a difficult task for vice-presidents.

The inability of vice-presidents to break with their patron without appearing either disloyal or politically expedient is a major reason no sitting vice-president has captured the presidency since Martin Van Buren in 1836.

Despite these disadvantages, strategists in both parties say the contest should get closer as the campaign goes along.

They say Bush's best plan may be to hammer away at Dukakis and create public doubts about a man who is still a relatively unknown figure to many Americans.

"It's easier to get your opponent's negatives up than to get your own down," California Republican Party chairman Robert Naylor told Reuters.

Reagan's success in restoring economic prosperity may hurt Bush indirectly by giving voters the luxury of focusing on secondary social issues such as health care and the environment, subjects that tend to help the Democrats.

"People aren't worried about the things, like inflation and high taxes, that bothered them in 1980 and 1984," says Naylor. "That leaves a bunch of issues on which it sounds attractive to spend money and the Democrats

always outpromise the Republicans on them."

Even Bush's ability to criticise Dukakis's inexperience on foreign policy has been compromised by two recent Reagan fiascos — the Iran arms deal and the embarrassing failure to oust Panamanian leader Manuel Antonio Noriega after he was indicted on drugs charges in the United States.

Some Democrats even argue that Reagan's success in improving relations with Moscow could harm Bush's prospects by reducing American concern about the communist threat.

"If Reagan removes the tremendous fear of communism, he pacifies East-West relations for the next four or five months, and that helps the Democrats," says Christopher Matthews, a former top aide to ex-house speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill.

"The anti-communist issue has always helped the Republicans."

A historic desire for change on the part of Americans also works in Dukakis's favour. Neither party has held the White House for more than two consecutive terms since 1952. Early this year when opinion polls showed Bush defeating any possible Democratic rival, Republican strategists said the cyclical nature of American politics was their biggest concern.

Rotate

"The natural tendency to rotate presidents and the natural scepticism about vice-presidents is working against Bush," says Reagan's former White House political director Mitchell Daniels.

Strategists in both parties say Dukakis's lead partly reflects a desire for a new face, a yearning for publicity from his sweeping primary victories over Jesse Jackson, and the good luck of running against one of the most liberal American politicians in Jackson.

By comparison to Jackson, the liberal Dukakis strikes many conservative voters as reassuringly middle of the road. Recent Democratic nominees have been rejected, at least in part, because of a feeling among voters that they were too liberal.

"When polls show two-thirds of the voters say Mike Dukakis is more conservative than I am, something is out of focus," Bush laments. He has vowed to portray Dukakis as a traditional, liberal Democrat.

One of Bush's biggest assets appears to be his doggedness in the face of adversity. "We have to be careful not to underestimate Bush," says Democratic strategist Brian Lunde. "He's always underestimated and he plays on that."

Old anti-communist longs for Taiwan

By Andrew Roche

KASHGAR, China, (Reuter): Left behind 40 years ago by the retreating Nationalist Army, a loyal follower of Chiang Kai-shek longs to leave the communist mainland after suffering imprisonment, family tragedy and life in "China's Siberia."

But 3,000 miles (4,800 km) of land the Nationalists call "Red Bandit" territory lie between "Old Wang", now turning grey in China's most westerly city, and Nationalist-ruled Taiwan.

Wang — that is not his real name — confessed he was an anti-communist spy in the 1940s. He was one of those left behind when communist forces drove Chiang's Nationalist armies off the mainland in 1949.

"I was a student of law in Beijing when the communists won, but I had been working as a spy for the Nationalists as well."

"They put me in the Beijing number one prison, which is one of their more comfortable ones, because I pretended to co-operate with them," said Wang, sipping brandy in a dingy Kashgar restaurant.

"In the 1950s there were lots of strange criminals in there — a Russian car thief and two other foreigners who had planted a bomb in Tiananmen Square."

"I was a model prisoner, allowed to study and play the saxophone in the prison band. During the Great Leap Forward (of the

late 1950s) we were better off than a lot of people outside who were starving. We always had enough food every day."

"They let me out in 1963 and gave me a menial job in Beijing, and I got married. It was a good period. I said all the right things to make them think I was reformed."

"But in 1966 the Cultural Revolution started and Red Guards made me do the airplane (a torture in which victims were forced to bend over with arms outstretched behind) because I was an old Nationalist."

"I knew I was in trouble so I decided to be a hero. Chairman Mao was calling for volunteers to go to remote border areas to open up the wilderness. If I hadn't volunteered they would have sent me anyway. I survived because I was clever."

"I had to leave my wife behind. I never saw her again," said Wang, whose furrowed face looks older than his 60 years but whose limbs are vigorous.

"It took weeks on the back of a truck to reach Kashgar. I worked in a construction gang, the conditions were very hard, worse than prison. The worst thing was the loneliness. I was educated, not like my workmates."

"Not many Red Guards reached Kashgar, so I escaped the rest of the Cultural Revolution. In other parts of Xinjiang region, political factions fought battles with guns — all claiming to be the true revolutionaries."

By Michael Goldsmith

ALGIERS, Algeria, (AP): Yasser Arafat and the PLO emerged from the Arab summit meeting greatly strengthened for their confrontation with Israel by the unqualified material and moral support of the Arab leaders.

Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states for the first time agreed to pay the Palestine Liberation Organisation a substantial subsidy to intensify the 6-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The amount of the subsidy officially was kept secret to avoid showing the Arab hand to the Israelis. But delegates said it was set at \$118 million for the first year.

This fell short of the \$600

million a year Arafat said he needed to keep the full heat of the revolt on the Israelis, but it meant a solid boost to what the Palestinian leader has described as the "stone-throwing revolution."

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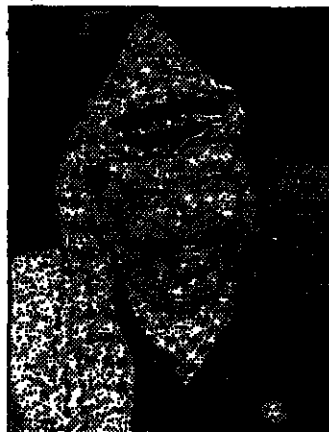
The oil-exporting states told the PLO they could not meet its full financial needs because their income has been hurt by an unstable world oil market and by the effects of the Iran-Iraq war. Arafat was widely believed to have overstated his real needs in the expectation that his demands would not be fully met.

Arafat's associates made no secret that he was overjoyed with the outcome of the summit.

The PLO leader said the money would be used to pay relief and medical treatment for injured rioters, help the families

Confrontation with Israel

Arafat greatly strengthened by Arab backing



Arafat victory

of those killed or injured and compensate strikers for lost wages.

Arafat did not specify what other uses he had in mind for the

windfall, but it was clear the subsidy could also allow the PLO to step up its efforts to smuggle small arms and communications and sabotage equipment to the Palestinians.

"The conference stresses its full commitment to extend all the support needed to secure the continuation and escalation of the uprising under the leadership of the PLO," the summit's final communiqué declared.

Fund

However, tightly Israel tries to keep the 1.5 million Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip scaled off from the outside world, never an easy task at best of times, the PLO's uprising fund will not make it any easier.

The Arab leaders made a further significant gesture in Arafat's favour by deciding the

PLO henceforth should be the sole master of the insurgency fund. This meant Arafat will no longer have to share any part of his funds with Jordan or with a joint PLO-Jordanian support committee.

The summit also endorsed previous Arab decisions to recognise the PLO as the "sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," automatically branding non-PLO Palestinians who choose to work with the Israelis in the occupied territories as traitors.

Endorsing

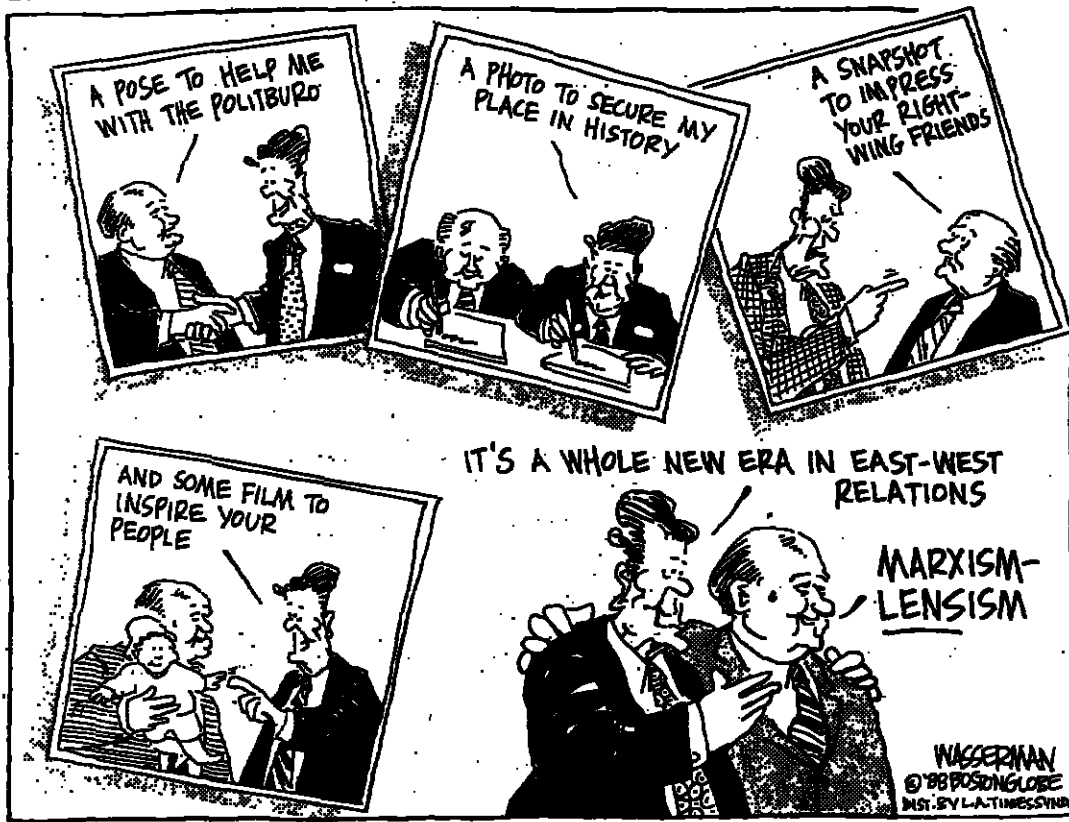
It reiterated Arafat's earlier scornful dismissal of US Secretary of State George Shultz's latest peace plan and insisted that the PLO must participate with full delegation status in any inter-

national peace conference.

The United States and Israel regard the PLO as a terrorist organisation and refuse to envisage any role for it in the peace process.

The Arab leaders went beyond previous summits by endorsing more strongly than ever the Palestinians' right to set up a sovereign state in the West Bank and occupied east Jerusalem captured by Israel in the 1967 war. Israel has proclaimed reunited the holy city as its capital and is unlikely to relinquish its control of it.

Nonetheless, the summit's endorsement in effect strengthened Arafat's status as a full-fledged head of state in Arab eyes. It was likely to boost him even further in the eyes of Soviet leaders who have long supported him.



By Paul Quinn-Judge

MOSCOW: The public lecture was not very controversial — but someone was still bugging it.

A professor from Estonia, his mass of grey hair and drooping mustache giving him a pleasing resemblance to Albert Einstein, was speaking on "the origin of mass emotions." Questions from the audience included "Do you consider patriarchy to be more progressive form of social organisation?" Yuri Afanasyev, a noted historian and supporter of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms, presided.

At the back of the room sat two young men in suits, clearly suffering agonies of boredom. Each occasionally patted the right side of his jacket, as if checking that something was still in place. The reason for this, it finally transpired, was that they were wired for sound. As one edged past to leave the room for a quick smoke, his jacket parted enough to reveal a sophisticated tape recorder.

Subversion

The incident offered a fleeting glimpse of the attitude of the KGB, the Soviet security apparatus, toward reform. Once seen these days to be cool toward Gorbachev's plans. The ruling Politburo, are restrained in their enthusiasm for the changes. And the KGB has on several occasions recently warned that the West would try to use the reform programme to subvert the Soviet Union.

The latest expression of concern came in the KGB's own newspaper column — a recent addition to the weekly Arguments and Facts (circulation 9.5 million).

"According to information

KGB cool towards Gorbachev reforms

received," the column read, the CIA, along with its French and West German counterparts, had decided to intensify subversion against the Soviet Union. This would include agitation for a "bourgeois" multi-party political system and free trade unions. More strikingly, the column warned that one of the main forms of subversion would be the dissemination of "fabrications" about "the growth of opposition to perestroika," as Gorbachev's reform programme is known. The KGB warning comes as Gorbachev's supporters are still denouncing a recent newspaper article which they describe as an anti-reform political programme.

Support

Chebrikov is something of an odd-man out in the present leadership. His political roots are deep in the Ukrainian region of Dnepropetrovsk, the power base of former leader Leonid Brezhnev. Brezhnev's 18-year rule is widely described as one of the main sources of the Soviet Union's current problems. (And Dnepropetrovsk is still viewed as a bastion of conservatism: a pro-reform columnist recently lambasted the editor of the Dnepropetrovsk party newspaper for his "Stalinism.") The growing criticism of Brezhnev must therefore cause Chebrikov some discomfort.

From 1968 Chebrikov worked as Yuri Andropov's deputy at the KGB, succeeding his boss in December 1982, after Andropov became the Communist Party general secretary. Andropov is

said to have used his time in the KGB to work out the reforms — more modest and more disciplinary — than Gorbachev's approach — he then started to introduce as Soviet leader. Yet Chebrikov's political clout also grew under Andropov's successor, Konstantin Chernenko, whose one-year tenure as leader (1984-85) is viewed as the last gasp of Brezhnevism.

Soviet observers speculate that Chebrikov did indeed support reform when Gorbachev became party leader in 1985. Since then the political spectrum has shifted sharply, and the former advocate of moderate change now looks very conservative next to radical reforms. Chebrikov's published views on history and ideology indicate that he favours only a modest reassessment of the past.

Radical reformers have begun to criticise the cost of agricultural collectivisation (1929-33). In a speech last September, however, Chebrikov stressed that the defeat of the rich peasants (kulaks) was an important revolutionary achievement.

Reformers are suggesting that Stalin's abuse of power began in the early '30s. But in his September speech Chebrikov pointedly dated the beginning of Stalin's abuses to the end of the '30s.

Some Soviet observers see another reason for KGB concern at reforms. "Glasnost" (openness) is reducing the KGB and the military and the police to the level of simple government agencies, noted one. "The press has started to write about them, criticise them. They're no longer out of range."

Senior KGB officials have already been the subject of press exposés. A top KGB official in the Ukraine was dismissed in January 1987 after the harassment of a local investigative journalist. More recently the luxurious life style of the KGB chief for the central Asian republic of Turkmenistan has come under scrutiny. Reform-minded intellectuals have begun — so far only in private — to complain of KGB "dirty tricks" against them.

A recently published work by the writer Yuri Arakcheev sheds some light on the KGB's attitude to reform.

He describes how in the late '70s, he was unnerved to be called to a meeting with a KGB official. The official turned out to be well-educated, low key, and likable.

He seemed well-disposed to Arakcheev's struggle to vindicate a man unjustly convicted of murder. And he asked for Arakcheev's views on how to encourage Soviet editors to be more daring in publishing worthy, but controversial, literary works.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service

Argentina may shut down nuclear plant project

By Randall Hackley

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, (AP): Financial shortfalls may force Argentina, Latin America's leading user of nuclear power, to halt construction on a third nuclear reactor and a heavy-water plant, its top nuclear official says.

Plans are being made to stop work on the nuclear reactor Atucha II, which is 60 per cent completed, and Arroyito, 90 per cent finished, unless financing is obtained on the government's request for a \$800-million budget request, said Enana Perez Ferreira, president of the National Atomic Energy Commission.

"We'll have to stop work on the big ones first if we don't get enough money or obtain financing for the projects," Ms Perez Ferreira, Argentina's top-ranking female government official, said in a recent interview.

A shutdown could hurt Argentina's nuclear industry, which is the most advanced in the Western hemisphere outside the United States and Canada, and cut into its future sales of surplus heavy water.

Contract

Argentina has a contract to build a \$400-million, 10-megawatt nuclear reactor outside Lima, Peru. It also has contracts to build a nuclear reactor in Algeria and to provide enriched uranium for a small experimental nuclear reactor at Iran's Tehran University, Ms Perez Ferreira said.

Argentina's nuclear technicians have mastered the entire fuel cycle, which gives them the

ability to make nuclear weapons, but officials from President Raul Alfonsín deny this is in their plans.

At one time, the nuclear programme was closely tied to the armed forces, in particular the Navy. An admiral headed the Atomic Energy Commission until the early 1980s, and some reports at the time said the military favoured building an atomic bomb.

Argentina mines its own uranium ore in the Andes. It prepares its own fuel, and is capable of enriching the fuel, making fuel elements, running nuclear reactors and reprocessing the fuel. Enriching and reprocessing fuel are the keys to making nuclear weapons.

Research

Argentina, the world's eighth-largest country in territory, has two existing nuclear power plants. Until its economic crisis worsened last year, it had dreams of building four power plants by the end of the century.

"There's no sense in talking now even about a fourth nuclear plant," Ms Perez Ferreira said. Argentina also has an uranium-enrichment plant, six research reactors, and two reprocessing plants, she said.

The nuclear programme is important to Argentina, providing up to 20 per cent of its electrical power, and is a source of pride to a country whose standard of living has declined steadily since the 1950s.

But now Argentina is the

developing world's third-largest debtor behind Brazil and Mexico, owing \$55 billion. It also has

a 247-per cent inflation rate in addition to other severe economic problems, including a loss of real wages for workers.

Indeed, 22 per cent of Atomic Energy Commission's 6,500-member work force have left their jobs since 1983, many for similar posts offering double their pay in Switzerland, Brazil and the United States, Ms Perez Ferreira said.

Neighbouring Brazil has a nuclear-power programme but its sole plant near Rio de Janeiro has had constant troubles. Plans to build two other nuclear plants have been set aside for the time being.

Ms Perez Ferreira, a 52-year-old nuclear physicist, took over the commission last year when her predecessor quit over budgetary disputes with the government. As head of the commission, she reports directly to President Alfonsín.

Deny

Although officials deny any plans for nuclear weapons, Argentina has yet to sign the International Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

It opposes the treaty on grounds that it interferes with national sovereignty. The other non-signatory nations with nuclear technology are South Africa, Israel, India, Pakistan and Brazil.

Accidents at Argentine nuclear facilities have left three technicians dead since 1982 but experts say Argentina is not considered unsafe. A radioactive water spill and a burst pipe also briefly shut down Atucha I and the Embalse plant last year and in May.

Greek-Turkish peace initiative set for toughest test to date

By Stephen Weeks

ATHENS, (Reuter): When Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal makes an historic visit to Athens next week, the odds are against a breakthrough on disputes over Cyprus and the Aegean. But the odds have been wrong all year — a year of surprises in Greek-Turkish relations.

Ozal and Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu defied political pundits in both countries in January, when they launched a peace initiative and set a "no war" course for the oft-feuding NATO allies.

Since then, predictions of failure and impending collapse have greeted each step along the peace path. But the prime ministers, with their prestige stamped on the initiative, have kept the process alive.

Nonetheless, the three-day official visit to Athens, the first by a Turkish prime minister since Greece won independence from Turkish-Ottoman rule in 1830, will be the toughest test to date when it begins on Monday.

Agreements

After numerous minor agreements and lower-level visits to foster rapprochement over the past six months, Papandreu has made clear he will push the most emotive issue dividing the east Mediterranean neighbours — Cyprus.

"Cyprus is the central theme in discussions between Ozal and myself and will continue to be during his visit," Papandreu told the Greek parliament this week. "We have a holy duty to protect our fellow nationals."

The island, which gained independence from Britain in 1960, has been marked by repeated clashes between the Greek and Turkish communities.

In 1974, Turkish troops occupied the northern third of the island, following a short-lived coup by Greek Army officers directed by the military junta then ruling in Athens.



Andreas Papandreu



Turgut Ozal

Greek islands sitting just off the Turkish coast.

Security forces will be on full alert during the Ozal trip with numerous groups threatening to disrupt the visit. Violent incidents during preparatory meetings prompted authorities to put Ozal in an isolated luxury beach hotel on the outskirts of town.

Violent anti-Turkish demonstrations by Greek-Cypriots, Kurds and Armenians marked a visit by Istanbul mayor Bedrettin Dalan in April and urban guerrilla group "November 17" bombed the cars of Turkish diplomats when Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz arrived in May.

Officials have kept Ozal's schedule a close secret to thwart demonstrations and his only known visits to central Athens will be to meet President Christos Sartzetakis and attend a gala dinner near Acropolis. But others are expected.

Ozal and Papandreu agreed in Davos to start with minor confidence-building measures and as the peace process gathered strength to move on to the fundamental differences — Cyprus and the Aegean.

That step-by-step approach has led to agreements on fighting terrorism and illegal drugs, measures to make military activity in the Aegean more predictable and ease tensions, and efforts to build commercial ties between the two countries.

TV CORNER

A good week for soccer buffs

SOCCER buffs have their hearts set on the outcome of the exciting matches, to be played this week, during the European Championship in West Germany.

They wait with bated breath to see if Dutchman Ruud Gullit takes over Maradona's crown by leading his team to victory in the finals. Players like Vassily Rats, Alexander Zavarov and Igor Belanov can be seen in action. KTV2 has brought the excitement closer to home — on the small screen. This week and next will be taken over by the European Championship, well, almost.

Sunday's match, at 4.30 pm on KTV2 will test the skills of Ireland, making their first appearance, under English coach Jack Charl-

ton, who reportedly, has instilled "unprecedented discipline and urgency into the skilful Irish." They play England, the highest-scoring team in the qualifiers.

Today Denmark will be seeking revenge when they face Spain, 4.30 pm (KTV2), in the eight-nation tournament which began yesterday in Dusseldorf and ends on June 25 in Munich.

Apart from football, there are two movies on KTV2 this week. Tonight's "The Lady from Yesterday," 10.30 pm, and Thursday's late night film, "Letting Go," a comedy drama by Charlotte Brown. Some comedies have been thrown in for entertainment.

This week on KTV 2

"Miraculous Machines" — A look at computer systems and their applications.

10.30 Pokerface: start of a new series about a 40-year-old alcoholic, Crawley, whose marriage is disintegrating and a boss who hates him.

11.30 News in Brief

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

TUESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.15 Football: European Championship. West Germany vs Denmark. Referee: Bob Valentine, Scotland.

7.30 News in English

8.15 Gimmie A Break: comedy with Nell Carter.

9.15 Football: European Championship. Italy vs Spain. Referee: Erik Fredriksson, Sweden.

11.00 Made for TV Movie

12.30 News Summary

12.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.15 Football: European Championship. Ireland vs Soviet Union. Referee: Paolo Casarin, Italy.

8.00 News in English

8.15 Sledge Hammer: European Championship. Italy vs Spain.

9.15 Private Eye: Frank is a daughter of a wealthy man.

11.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 She Ra: The Tune in the Sword: Cartoons.

6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: A 30-minute show for young viewers.

7.00 Raggs to Riches: Foley's girls plan a special party.

8.00 News in English

8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes

9.05 Spenser for Hire: "Personal Demons." The director of an African famine group hires Spenser to find a criminal.

10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: comedy.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Letting Go." Starring: Jack Bender, John Ritter, Sharon Gless, Max Gail. Two witty people, whose lives are shattered when he loses his wife and she's dumped by her lover, discover each other in a self-help group. Comedy drama written by Charlotte Brown. MTV. 1985.

11.40 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

FRIDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Transformers

6.30 Out of this World: Evie and the young Astronaut. Evie tries to join NASA's programme for astronaut, hoping to see her father again.

8.00 News in English

8.15 The Beauty and the Beast: "China Moon." Catherine tries to help a Chinese girl.

9.15 Football: European Championship. West Germany vs Spain.

11.00 The Wagoner: "The Squeeze." Winnie and his mother are in trouble. Starring: Ken Wahl.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

SATURDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Football: European Championship. England vs Ireland.

6.30 Danger: Bay: "Big Horn." Jonah finds a mountain ram.

7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islam.

7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a half-hour show of unusual sports.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Football: European Championship. Soviet Union vs Holland. Referee: Dieter Paul, West Germany.

11.00 Best-Seller: "Malibu." James Coburn, Kim Novak, Anthony Newley, William Atherton and Eva Marie Saint star. The wife of a trade unionist attempts suicide.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Wildfire: "The Name is the Game." Cartoons.

6.30 Scuba World: "Yachts of the Caribbean." A look at diving in the Caribbean.

7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and local events.

7.30 Mr. Belvedere: "Deporation." Wesley is caught cheating in class.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "Harbinger of Death." A murder case for a woman.

9.30 National Geographic



England's goalkeeper Peter Shilton keeps his eyes on the ball while making a diving save during his team's practice on Thursday. England will play Ireland on Sunday. (Reuters wirephoto)

KTV I weekly highlights

SUNDAY

12.15 Hardcastle and McCormick: Starring: Brian Keith. English serial.

4.15 Tajibba Kaddah: Arabic feature film, Starring: Samir Ghanem, Madiha Kamel, Farouk Fishawi.

10.30 Late Night Variety Show: features Yusuf Al Muhanna, Sadoun Jaber, Ahmad Al Jumairi, Itab, Mohammad Mstah, Khalid Shaki, Abdul Mohsin Al Muhanna, Al Dana Folklore Troupe.

MONDAY

12.15 Treasures of the Gulf: documentary on marine life in Gulfwater.

4.15 Football: Kuwait vs Malaysia. Replay of matches played for the Asia Cup in 1980.

7.45 Quran and Science: "Alam Al Bahar."

10.45 Al Rya: Arabic feature film, starring Lubna Abdul Aziz, Rushdi Abaza, Madiha Kamel.

TUESDAY

12.15 Silver Spoon: English serial.

4.15 Ma'a Alkal Al Tanfeez: Arabic play, with Khalid Zak, Laila Hammad, Anissa Rizk, and Khubud.

10.45 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durraya Sharf Al Din, featuring Sherihan.

WEDNESDAY

12.15 Shabab Wa Riyada: "People and Sports." Weekly local show on sports in Kuwait.

4.15 Lydia Bailey: English feature film, starring

Dale Robertson, Anne Francis.

6.00 Bunding Wa Bundugah: children's serial, featuring Abdul Rahman Abu Zahra, Liza Faud.

10.45 Hikayat Min "Al Badiyah: "Al Majd." Starring: Miyad Awad, Khalil Mustafa, Ashraf Abaza.

THURSDAY

1.50 Fawazir Al Munasabat: featuring Yahya Fakhrani, Sabirin, Hala Faud.

4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays a detective detective Simon Templar.

5.00 Liqa Al Khamis weekly show on local events.

7.45 Al Rikab Al Saad: weekly serial, featuring Samir Ghanem, Hussein Mustafa.

10.00 Youmnyat Innaah: Arabic feature film, starring Laila Taher, Salah Qasbi, Raja Al Jadawi. Social drama.

11.45 Late Night Variety Show

FRIDAY

10.15 Al Saif Al Mafkoud: children's serial, starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazzem, Ali Al Mufeedi, Awatif.

2.30 Health Deek: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwali Sharawi.

3.30 Al Fars Al Aswad: Arabic feature film, directed by Samir Sharidat.

9.50 Wrestling

10.45 Naseeb: weekly Arabic serial, featuring

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Good Morning

10.00 Shaqqa Bidoun Saqat: daily serial, featuring Tahya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Raja Al Jadawi.

11.15 Ila Abu Wa Ammi Ma'a Tahya: (To Father and Uncle, With Regards) Starring: Khalid Al Nafisi, Hayat Al Fahad, Ismahan Tawfiq.

12.15 Alaf Ba'i Al Matbakh: a programme on cooking

1.00 News Summary

1.05 World News via Satellite

2.00 Songs and Music

2.35 Baboul: Arabic serial, starring Fadiya Khatib, Assam Sulaiman, Salah Qasas. Social drama.

3.15 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons

4.20 Hikayat Al Ayyam Al Aseebah: part one. Starring Khalil Shawki, Yusuf Al Aani, Suad Abdullah.

7.00 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir.

7.20 Nazrat Alal Alam

8.00 Security and Citizens

8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Rafat Al Hijran: part 6, starring Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusra, Yusuf Shaban.



Alf spoils the fun at a racing event, tonight on KTV2.

10.50 Al Liqa Al Thani: weekly Arabic serial, starring Bost, Mahmoud, Yassin, Mohammad Khairi.

11.45 News Summary

11.50 World News via Satellite

12.25 Holy Quran/Closedown

8.40 The Blue Knight: "Snitch's Karma." Morgan is assigned to find a burglar.

9.30 Smithsonian World: "Designs for Living."

10.00 Late Night Movie: "The Lady from Yesterday." Starring: Robert Day, Wayne Rogers, Pat Hingle. Young Vietnamese, woman turns up — son in tow — and turns the life of a married executive, with whom she had an affair, into turmoil.

12.00 News in Brief

12.05 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

4.00 Holy Quran

4.30 Football: European Championship. Denmark vs Spain.

6.30 Great Expectation: based on Charles Dickens novel.

7.00 Tomorrow Today: a look at atomic reactors.

7.30 Alf: "The Gambler." A racing event goes haywire after Alf makes his presence felt.

8.00 News in English

RADIO PROGRAMMES

0800 Easy Listening

0830 News

0840 Easy Listening

1000 Songs and Music

1300 Easy Listening

1330 News

1400 Classical Music

1600 Easy Listening

1700 Spanish Hour

1800 Pops

2130 News

2145 Page

2200 Islamic Classical Hour

2300 Easy Listening

2400 Instrumental Music

0200 Closedown

0600 World News

09 News About Britain

15 Radio Newsworld

30 Personal View

45 Recording of the Week

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook

30 Andy Kershaw's World of

45 Nature Notebook

0200 World News

09 British Press Review

15 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-world)

0600 World News

15 A Jolly Good Show

0900 World News

09 British Press Review

15 The World Today

30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup

45 Personal View

1800 News Summary followed by Here's Humph!

(ex 11th)

0800 World News

09 Reflections

15 A Jolly Good Show

0900 World News

09 British Press Review

15 The World Today

30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup

45 Personal View

1800 News Summary followed by Here's Humph!

Trooping the Colour

15 Letter from America (ex 11th)

Trooping the Colour (cont.)

30 People and Politics (ex 11th)

Trooping the Colour (cont.)

45 (11th only) Letter From America

1100 World News

09 News about Britain

15 4th and 18th Sportsworld, 11th and 25th The A-Z of Hollywood

30 Meridian

1200 Radio Newsworld

15 Multitrack 3

45 Sports Roundup

1300 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Network UK (ex 25th Sports-world)

1900 Opening

1910 Behreem Qaul

1916 Programme Preview

1920 Songs

1935 Press Report

1940 Jaizah

2000 News

2020 Songs

2040 Dhanak

2100 Closedown

Urdu

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HOLIDAY INN'S SECRETARIES CLUB

The first get-together of Holiday Inn's Secretaries Club was recently held in the Al Afrah ballroom of the hotel, which sponsored the event together with W.J. Towell, distributors of Elizabeth Arden cosmetics. The well-attended tea party and make-up demonstration was filled with smiles and cheers as the ladies now numbering 400, gathered together for a night of introductions and renewed acquaintances. Valuable raffle give-aways were also given away, aside from 10% discount in the hotel's outlets and Health Club membership, which are some of the Club's benefits. More exciting activities are in the pipeline for the Secretaries Club, organised by the Sales and Public Relations Department of Holiday Inn.

WHAT'S ON

CINEMA

British Council
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at 6 pm on June 15 and at 10.30 on June 16. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approx. Duration: 145 minutes.

SOCIAL

MUSIC

Stunning chart success for new UK group

Bros: a new pop sensation

By Mike Hirano

SINGER Matt Goss has an all-consuming ambition — he wants to be "the biggest band in the world."

It is, of course, something most would be pop stars dream about — but Matt may well see his wish granted — and soon.

He is the 19-year-old front-man in Bros, the new chart sensation who have taken the pop world by storm.

Yet, just six months ago, Matt, his twin brother Luke and their long-time school-friend and bass player Craig Logan were down and nearly out. Their second single When Will I Be Famous had failed almost as spectacularly as their first record I Owe You Nothing.

But then, when they least expected it, came their lucky break. Matt sang unaccompanied on a children's TV show and began shooting up the charts.

It lodged itself at number two, a position equalled by their next single Drop The Bomb. And already the group has been offered, and turned down, an opportunity which most other groups would kill for.

Michael Jackson, the idol and inspiration for Matt, wants Bros to open up his summer concerts at Britain's Wembley Stadium — shows that will be played before a total audience of more than 350,000. Three times he upped his financial incentive in an attempt to lure them — the figure finally approached £500,000 — and three times he was refused.

Bros, their management insist, will not play second fiddle to anyone. Not even the pop world's biggest superstar. Instead, the group will embark on a British tour of their own this summer.

No doubt that will witness more displays of Brosmania. In the first four weeks of its existence, the group's official fan club — The Bros Front — was flooded with 15,000 applications. At a personal appearance to sign copies of their album at a record store in London, 5,000 Bros fans brought Oxford Street to a standstill. Worried police had to order the group to leave an hour earlier than scheduled fearful of what might happen if they remained.

Adulation
So far, the group has soaked up the adulation despite the fact that they have been forced out of the South London home they shared by screaming girls who kept a constant vigil outside, hoping for a glimpse of their heroes.

Matt says: "Our mum still lives there, but we had to go. It wasn't fair on her or our neighbours. There were about 130 girls outside every day. They were pulling the fence to pieces. We had to install special mirrored glass on our front windows to stop them all from looking in."

But Bros' reaction to all the attention has not been one of arrogance or resentment. "We just feel totally privileged and honoured by it all," says Luke, the group's drummer. "All we can really say to these people is 'Thanks for giving us such a brilliant response.' As anyone who has happened to see will know, it's quite unreal — but we love it."

Indeed, it's everything Matt, Luke and Craig have wanted all their lives. Craig says: "What's happening to us now is all we've ever wanted. From the very first time we started playing together to be pop stars." Born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, Craig moved to Camberley in Surrey, when he was eight-years-old and first met Matt in the school dinner queue. Matt recalls: "I turned round and asked Craig if he would lend me 50p to buy myself dinner, and being the fool that he is, he did."

Impressed by his friendliness and generosity, Matt paid Craig back by asking him to join Caviar, the group he had formed with Luke. "We were only 12 at the time," Matt adds.

"We were in bands during our 2nd, 3rd and fourth years at school — and before we even left we had a manager. At the time, the young group Musical Youth were successful, so obviously we thought we were going to be incredibly famous pop stars while we were still at school, too."

Instead, the Goss twins left when they were 16, to be joined six months later by Craig.

Luke says: "From the start, all we did was concentrate on our music. 'Matt and I did various jobs here and there — some labouring and a few months cleaning cars — but only to keep the band going. We did it so I could buy new drum skins, or so Craig could get strings for his bass. We'd get some cash, and then we'd continue with the band.'"

Having changed their name to Bros — "We're like brothers, all three of us," says Matt — the group played their earliest concerts to unanimously unimpressed audiences at working men's clubs.

Craig admits: "We were just background music, nobody listened! The only song anyone ever stopped to notice was House Of The Rising Sun. Apart from that, Michael Jackson could have walked in there and no one would have paid the slightest bit of attention."

"It was dead embarrassing, but it was something we had to do. We wanted to learn to play properly and to get a good sound, so we could get out there and play live — and not just have the three of us jumping around miming with bows in our hair. We always knew that people would try to knock us and say that we were contrived, so we were determined to prove them wrong."

In April 1986, Micky Graham — now the group's producer — was persuaded to go and see them play at Lightwater in Surrey. Stunned by what he saw, he contacted Tom Watkins — also manager of the Pet Shop Boys — and he signed them up.

A year later, Bros had a deal with CES Records and the slow and painstaking process of finding fame began. Matt recalls:



Bros: their debut LP 'Push' was awarded a gold disc in Britain the day it came out

"For a good year before any of this happened, we were all working really hard. Still, people think we've just arrived and have been moulded by the record company into an instant overnight success."

Popularity
"But we've been doing this for ever. As for the way we dress, we're no more image-conscious than any other teenager in the country who wants to look good. So far as our 'pretty boy' label is concerned — well, there's no way I'm going to say that I hate being called a pretty boy. It helps us sell records, fine — but I don't see why I should have to apologise for looking reasonable. If you look like a tub of manure does that mean no one should criticise you?"

Criticism is something which Bros have had to face in almost equal proportion to their popularity. Resentment of their success has been both blatant and brutal. Matt has been pounced on outside a London nightclub and robbed of £150. Luke and his girlfriend — backing singer Shirley Lewis — were pulled from their car and attacked by two angry thugs.

Matt confesses: "It has got a bit hairy lately, because some of the girl 'boyfriends' have got a bit jealous and we've had plenty of hassle as a result of that."

Perhaps more disturbing has been the relentless pursuit of Bros by certain newspapers. Barely a day passes by when one of the group is not featured in one of the tabloids.

One recent story claimed that Matt had left Bros to go solo. Matt explains: "That was the first totally and completely manufactured article about us. It didn't have a single grain of truth in it. The press are unbelievable."

"I mean, one of the most stupid things we ever saw was

when a newspaper printed that Luke and I were not twins. They said it was a hype, a con cleverly disguised by using make-up so that we looked similar, and then the next day they printed another story about me — except they published a picture of Luke! It was really funny."

Bros can afford to laugh now, but for how much longer? Matt is confident that it will be for a good while yet. "It's stating the obvious, but we've still got a long way to go. We've still got to have our first number one for a start."

"People ask us if we're bothered about always getting to number two, but the honest truth is we're not. It leaves us with that extra bit of mountain to climb — and, in fact, we're thankful it hasn't happened yet."

Wet Wet Wet remain on top of UK chart

LONDON, (AP) — A re-do of the 1960s Beatles' hit With a Little Help From My Friends held the number one spot in the British pop singles chart for a fourth week in a row.

Featuring English singer Billy Bragg and the Scottish group Wet Wet Wet, the hot-selling She's Leaving Home — With a Little Help ... was made for child-welfare charity.

Holding at second place for a second week was Got to Be Certain, by Australian Kylie Minogue, followed by Aztec Camera's Somewhere in My Heart in third place, up from seventh.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by New Musical Express, with the magazine's placings last week in parentheses:

1. (1) She's Leaving Home — With a Little Help ... Wet Wet Wet and Billy Bragg (Childline).
2. (2) Got to Be Certain — Kylie Minogue (PWL).
3. (7) Somewhere in My Heart — Aztec Camera (WEA).
4. (22) Voyage Voyage — Desireless (CBS).
5. (9) Check This Out — L. A. Mix (Breakout).
6. (4) Circle in the Sand — Belinda Carlisle (Virgin).
7. (17) My One Temptation — Mica Paris (4th and Broadway).
8. (16) Love Will Save the Day — Whitney Houston (Arista).
9. (6) Don't Go — Hothouse Flowers (FFRR).
10. (3) Perfect — Fairground Attraction (RCA).

And in New York, One More Try was enough to keep George Michael at the top of the single pop record charts in the United States for the third week in a row.

Rick Astley soared up three notches to second spot on the Cash Box Magazine chart with his new hit Together Forever, while Shattered Dreams by Johnny Hates Jazz stayed on at third position for the third straight week.

Michael Jackson vaulted onto the ten top pop list with Dirty Diana, up from 12th to 7th. Two more newcomers to the list were Circle in the Sand by Belinda Carlisle, up from 11th to 8th, and The Valley Road by Bruce Hornsby and the Range, up from 14th to 10th.

Randy Travis took over the top pop of the Cash Box magazine country-and-western singles chart with I Told You So. Earl Thomas Conley was second with What She Is (Is a Woman in Love), and Billy Joe Royal was third with Out of Sight and On My Mind.

Top Ten US

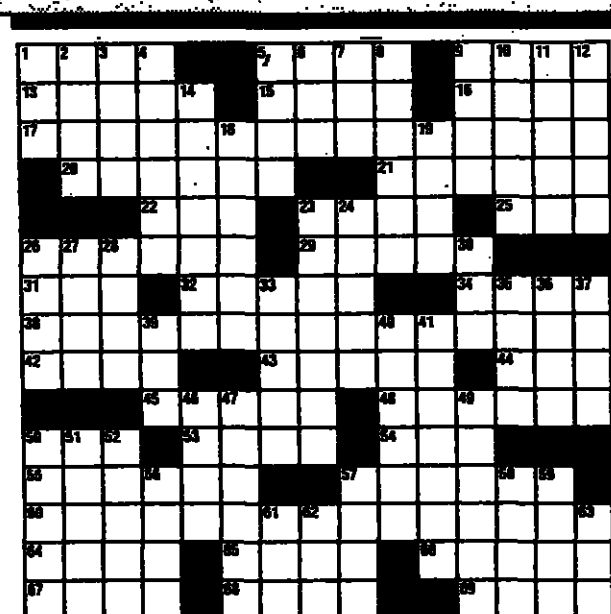
The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) One More Try — George Michael (Columbia).
2. (5) Together Forever — Rick Astley (RCA).
3. (3) Shattered Dreams — Johnny Hates Jazz (Virgin).
4. (7) Foolish Beat — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).
5. (6) Everything Your Heart Desires — Daryl Hall and John Oates (Arista).
6. (10) Make It Real! — The Jets (MCA).
7. (12) Dirty Diana — Michael Jackson (Epic).
8. (11) Circle in the Sand — Belinda Carlisle (MCA).
9. (9) Piano in the Dark — Brenda Russell with Joe Esposito (A and M).
10. (14) The Valley Road — Bruce Hornsby and the Range (RCA).

The ten top country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) I Told You So — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).
2. (1) What She Is (Is a Woman in Love) — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).
3. (6) Out of Sight and on My Mind — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
4. (7) He's Back and I'm Blue — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).
5. (8) If It Don't Come Easy — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
6. (2) Old Folks — Ronnie Milsap and Mike Reid (RCA).
7. (10) Wildflowers — Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris (Warner Brothers).
8. (12) Fallin' Again — Alabama (RCA).
9. (5) One True Love — The O'Jays (Columbia).
10. (14) Love of a Lifetime — Larry, Steve, Rudy: The Catlin Brothers (Columbia).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 With 23 Across, a political rally
 - 5 Eleanor's mother-in-law
 - 13 Youngster
 - 15 Pulse
 - 16 Issue
 - 17 Just barely
 - 20 Playwright's product: Var.
 - 21 Critical points
 - 22 Adjectival suffix
 - 23 See 1 Across
 - 25 Heathrow arrival
 - 26 Title-deed, in France
 - 29 Janis or Dinmore
 - 31 — polloi
 - 32 End — road
 - 34 Bout off.
 - 38 Clandestine
 - 42 Major part
 - 43 Harsh sounds
 - 44 London repeat
 - 45 Playful mammal
 - 48 Hebrew months
 - 50 From — Z
 - 53 Pay attention
 - 54 Numeral on a sundial
 - 55 Round up need
 - 57 Play charades
 - 60 Completely
 - 64 College at New Rochelle, N.Y.
 - 65 Robert —
 - 66 Instrument for Nero
 - 67 College on the Thames
 - 68 Mild explosive
 - 69 Ball of yarn
- DOWN
- 1 901, Roman style
 - 2 Soprano from Sweden
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
- ANDRE AXLES GIBS
DIVER PIANO RIP
OLIVERHARDY APT
CHINK BACON
VESTED TEPID
MELOUSA BERATE
EDGE CUBAN AGE
RIAS JERRY ALLY
VCR POLLO BLUE
BEAUTY SPREAD
KEFIR DURANT
TARTS ASIDE
ERG LOUGOSTELLO
MME ERROR TREES
PAN YEATS VAXIS

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
THE POWER OF THE TEN

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

- NORTH
- ♠ Q 9
 - ♥ A 9 5 4
 - ♦ K 8 7 6
 - ♣ 10 4
- EAST
- ♠ 10 5 3
 - ♥ 10 7 6
 - ♦ 5 2
 - ♣ K 7 6 5 3
- SOUTH
- ♠ A K 6
 - ♥ K Q 8
 - ♦ A Q J
 - ♣ A Q J 8

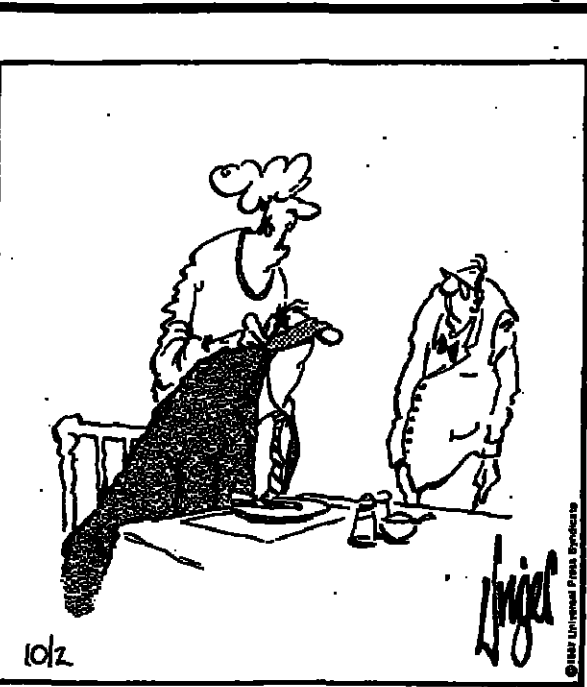
The bidding:
South West North East
3 NT Pass 7 NT Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♣
It is surprising how you can promote tricks. This swindle occurred in a tournament some years ago. North's leap to the grand slam was, to say the least, ambitious. South's opening bid showed 25-27 points, so the combined count might have been as low as 34. Not even North's five-card suit might have been enough to compensate for that, especially since the pair might

have been missing an ace. East-West were not doing all that well in the event, and West decided that it was time to roll the waters a little. So he selected as his opening lead the card nearest his thumb, and that turned out to be the jack of hearts. It proved to be a most fortuitous opening.

Outside of the heart suit, declarer had nine fast tricks—three spades, five diamonds and a club. It seemed that the opening lead guaranteed four heart tricks, for under normal circumstances the lead of the jack indicates possession of the ten. Therefore, declarer would not need the club finesse. South won the first trick with the king, cashed the queen and then led the eight. When West produced a low heart, declarer confidently finessed the nine. East was rather surprised to find that he had collected the setting trick.

Left to his own devices, declarer would have coasted home. He would first have tried for a 3-3 heart break, keeping the club finesse in reserve in case he amassed only three heart tricks. As the cards lie, both those chances come home, so declarer could roll up 16 tricks if that were permissible.



"It's just until the dessert trolley goes past."

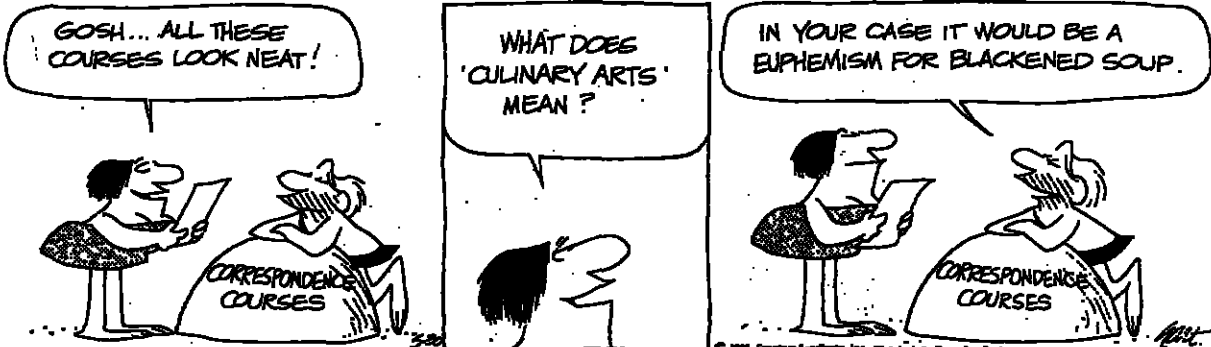
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You should stick strictly to what is practical. Avoid spending as if you had all the money in the world. Do not let others snatch the initiative from you. Be a little more tolerant.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
There will be some positive factors but you should not just hope for the best and let things happen. You will have some personal success but not quite as you had hoped for.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
You will have a good opportunity to make up for a past shortcoming. The better influence of Saturn and Uranus will help you to keep out of trouble. You should allow yourself enough time for your personal pursuits. Be thankful.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
You will be able to rid yourself of a persistent problem. A small obstacle should not be exaggerated but nor should it be ignored. Do not do things by halves and try to avoid falling into a trap. Be resolute.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
The better influence of Mars coupled with that of the Sun will help you to keep out of trouble. You will have something to be really pleased about. Do not do anything that would cost you more than you can afford. Be resolute.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
You should make sure you take enough regular and gentle exercise. The better influence of Saturn and Uranus will help you to act more positively. You should not try to do too many things all at once. Be resolute.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You will be better able to see eye to eye with a close associate. Avoid exceeding any speed or other legal limits. You should try to be a little more constructive. Be more considerate.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You should not do the first thing that comes to your mind — deliberate carefully before deciding on what to do. Think more about what is happening now than about what has happened in the past.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You should not try to act more swiftly than is your natural rhythm. However there is no excuse for being sluggish just now. You should not spend too much time reminiscing about what has been.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
Jupiter's influence will help you to avoid getting yourself into trouble. You will be able to make something of a virtue out of a necessity. An old friend will appreciate hearing from you.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You will be better able to do what you have set out to do. A little more patience will stand you in good stead just now. You should ensure that you do not do anything that would constitute a health risk.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
The situation will tend to be a little complex and you must take care not to confuse what is with what you think ought to be. Avoid getting into an argument.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait Fund extends loan to Botswana

THE Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development is to extend a loan of \$12.74 million to Botswana to help finance a road project.

The accord was signed in Gaborone, Botswana, by Kuwait Fund Director-General, Bader Mishari Al Humaidhi and Botswana Vice-President and Minister of Finance and Development Planning, Peter Simako Mmoussi.

The scheme, which entails laying 300 km of road between Nata in the east of the country to Maun in the north west, will improve connections between the country's Ngamiland region and other districts in Botswana.

Work on the project, which is costing a total of \$43.31 million is due to begin early next year with completion scheduled for mid-1991.

The Kuwait fund loan will be over a 20-year period, including a grace period of four years, bearing an interest rate of 3.5 per cent annually, which also covers administrative and other expenses.

Talks during Algeria summit make no progress

Arab oil ministers fail to agree on cutting quotas

ALGIERS, June 10, (AP): Meetings among the oil ministers of six Arab members of OPEC have failed to produce any agreement on production quotas, delegation sources said yesterday.

The meetings, taking place on the sidelines of the three-day Arab summit, involve discussions between the two opposing wings of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The six oil ministers from Algeria, Libya, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE postponed their attendance at the scheduled June 11 meeting of Opec in Vienna, hoping to resolve their differences in informal talks in Algiers.

Algeria and Libya advocate production cuts while Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries have defended their production levels. The split between the two camps led to the failure of an April meeting between OPEC and a number of non-OPEC oil exporters.

The non-OPEC countries had offered to reduce their overall output by five per cent, or

183,000 barrels per day, on condition the OPEC group made a matching five per cent cut.

The OPEC countries, have a current overall production ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day, offered to match the proposed non-OPEC cut barrel-per-barrel, but could not agree on an overall five per cent, which would have lowered their ceiling by about 750,000 barrels per day.

Called Indonesia's Oil Minister, Gin-anjar Kartasamita, earlier this week called on the Arab OPEC members to resolve their differences at the Arab summit to help stabilise prices.

The sources said the informal discussions in Algiers had disclosed three tendencies among the Arab OPEC members.

The Saudi-led group was demanding that current production levels be left unchanged, while the Algeria group called for a sharp production cut for the third quarter of 1988, with a possibility of renewed increases in the fourth quarter to take account of higher winter

demand. A third group advocated simple alignment with world prices and demand, the sources said.

The sources said they doubted the differences would be resolved before the Arab ministers travelled to Vienna next week.

Iraq, which has refused to be bound by its OPEC-fixed production ceiling, also took part in the talks, the sources said. Iraq has demanded a production quota equal to that of its Gulf war enemy, Iran.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah arrived in Vienna yesterday to attend the OPEC ministerial conference opening tomorrow.

Sheikh Ali was the second OPEC oil minister to fly in. Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines Dr Arturo Hernandez Grisanti arrived on Wednesday.

Other ministers are expected to arrive from today.

In Vienna, OPEC President Rikman Lukman said today that if the oil organisation members abided by existing production quotas there was no need for

ministers to make output cuts at a biannual meeting opening here tomorrow.

The meeting will set Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' output for the rest of 1988 in a bid to defend the group's \$18 a barrel target price on world markets. Prices at present are languishing about one dollar below the level in an oversupplied world market.

Respect Lukman, who is also Nigeria's Oil Minister, told Reuters in an interview: "There is no reason why we can't have \$18 if we respect our quotas."

"If I have to cut, we will cut, but I don't think we will have to cut to get \$18 if all countries respect their quotas," he said.

For consumers, a compromise that simply rolled over the existing accord would probably keep pump prices about where they are now in the coming months, analysts said.

What OPEC has now is a December, 1986, accord which assigns output quotas to 12 of its 13 members — Iraq has excluded

itself — within an overall ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day (BPD).

Founder-member Iraq's refusal to participate in output restraint, because OPEC has failed to give it a quota as big as its Gulf war foe Iran, is an issue which has taken on new urgency, delegates said.

Venezuela, Indonesia and Nigeria planned to hold consultative talks today ahead of tomorrow's conference to try to establish common ground in the group, which is divided on how much oil to pump amid differing views on world demand.

The three states are regarded as a moderate bloc in the organisation — split for a decade between members which need cash now and others which fear high prices might stampede the West into conservation and alternative energy.

Lukman said: "I believe the argument will be that the market condition could support a high level of production. To that extent some people may try to insist on higher production."

Kuwait won't buy more BP shares during inquiry

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters): The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) has agreed not to increase its 22-per cent stake in oil giant British Petroleum Co PLC (BP) pending a British government inquiry into its holding, the government said here yesterday.

KIO, investment arm of the Kuwait government which places the Gulf state's petrodollars worldwide, also said it would not seek any seats on BP's board until Britain's Monopolies and Mergers Commission had completed its investigation.

Holding

In March, KIO said it would not raise its holding in BP, the world's third largest oil company, above 22.5 per cent and would not seek a place on the BP

board. But last month, Britain referred the matter to the commission out of concern that an OPEC member state had bought into a major oil company.

"The implications of BP coming under the influence or control of a government with substantial oil interests and which is a member of OPEC raises questions of public interest," Lord Young, Britain's secretary of trade and industry, said when he referred the case to the commission on May 3.

The government asked for a report within four months.

Yesterday, the British government said KIO also agreed it would not buy any BP assets during the inquiry, except in the ordinary course of business.

US March foreign trade deficit surges

WASHINGTON, June 10, (AP): The US merchandise foreign trade deficit for March was \$11.9 billion on a seasonally adjusted basis, a sharp 22 per cent higher than previously reported, the government said yesterday.

The Commerce Department released new trade figures which for the first time in two years adjusted the monthly numbers for normal seasonal changes in shipping patterns.

Best showing

A month ago, the government had reported that the trade deficit had fallen to \$9.7 billion, its best showing in three years. However, analysts cautioned at the time that trade figures often improve in March because it is a good month for US export sales.

Thus on a seasonally adjusted basis, the trade deficit in March became \$11.9 billion. Likewise a February deficit, which had

originally been reported \$13.8 billion was raised to \$14.4 billion.

The January deficit, originally reported as \$12.4 billion was lowered by the seasonal adjustment to \$11.3 billion.

The April trade deficit is scheduled to be reported next Tuesday and it will be reported on a seasonally adjusted basis although the government will continue to release the unadjusted figures as well.

Government statisticians hope that by seasonally adjusting the trade figures they will be able to smooth out some of the volatility that has often roiled financial markets around the world.

The US trade deficit has become the most closely watched government statistics, especially on foreign exchange markets. A bad trade figure can trigger a

wave of dollar selling that then depresses stock prices as investors become worried about US economic prospects.

Despite the revised figures, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the data still showed a favourable downward trend in the US deficit.

"The trade deficit is on a downward trend, exports are increasing and it's a very encouraging picture in terms of the foreign trade deficit," he said.

Revised

Commerce Undersecretary Robert Ortnier, who briefed reporters on the historical revisions, said the trade deficit for the first three months of this year is running at an annual rate of \$150 billion, which if it holds for the entire year, would be a substantial improvement from the record \$170.3-billion deficit

recorded in 1987.

The figure was revised slightly downward from a previously reported \$171.2 billion deficit, but this change did not reflect seasonal adjustments but rather the inclusion of previously unreported export sales.

Before 1986, the government had always adjusted the monthly import and export figures to smooth out seasonal shipping patterns, just as it adjusts most of its other statistical reports. However, it was forced to abandon the practice for a time when a tide of imports overwhelmed the ability of the customs service to process the trade information on a timely basis.

Meanwhile, the government said yesterday American businesses enjoying a boom in export sales plan to modernise and expand at the fastest rate in four years.

Reagan wins Senate fight on trade bill veto

WASHINGTON, June 10, (AP): President Ronald Reagan telephoned Democratic and Republican congressional leaders yesterday to urge prompt action on a new trade bill to strengthen America's position in the global marketplace.

The Senate fell five votes short on Wednesday of the two-thirds majority required to make the trade measure law despite Reagan's objections.

Expressed

"The will of the Senate was expressed yesterday in sustaining the President's veto, and we are proceeding to work with the leadership in developing a new bill," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

"President Reagan is calling a number of members yesterday to urge them to proceed as rapidly as possible on a new bill and I think we will be able to show some movement very soon," Fitzwater said yesterday.

The spokesman declined to identify the members the President called but said they

were "the leaders who have been involved in the development of this trade bill over a long period of time" and included both Democrats and Republicans.

Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen, a Democrat, said he is willing to draft a new trade measure that Reagan might be willing to sign, but he acknowledged that "it's a little late in the day to be talking about a second bill."

Tack

Senate majority leader Robert Byrd, also a Democrat, took another tack. Although he strongly supported the trade bill, at the last minute he voted against it — a parliamentary manoeuvre that could later allow him to ask for reconsideration of the 1,000-page bill.

"This is insurance that the American people can still have a trade bill this year," said Byrd, who argued that efforts to draft a new measure could become hopelessly bogged down in debate over complex amendments.

Fitzwater said Byrd's action "does complicate it and we certainly are discouraged that he would try to do that. It is certainly clear that the President wants a trade bill; the Republicans want a trade bill; the Democrats, most of them, want a trade bill; and we would like to see it proceed as quickly as possible."

The centrepiece provisions of the bill Reagan vetoed would revamp the government's system for imposing import curbs to aid US industries and retaliate against trade violations.

Others range from sizeable farm export subsidies to repeal of the 1980 windfall profits tax on oil-industry earnings.

But those were overshadowed in recent weeks by Reagan's objections to a provision to require companies with 100 employees or more to provide 60-day notice of plant closings and large-scale layoffs.

Republican critics objected to what they called special-interest provisions and lingering protec-

tionism in the bill, while supporters in both parties claimed it was vital to farmers and heavy industries suffering from trade upheavals.

The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to override the veto last month, and some of the Republican administration's supporters have said they would feel more comfortable if they could get a second crack at the issue before having to face the voters in the November elections. Democrats made no effort to disguise their belief that the trade issue can be translated into votes.

Campaign

"We may lose the battle but this is no longer an issue between the Congress and the White House. It is now a presidential campaign issue."

The Democratic presidential nominee-to-be, Michael Dukakis, has supported the plant-closing provision and opposed Reagan's veto. Republican George Bush has sided with Reagan.

Kuwait calls for investment co-operation

WASHINGTON, June 10, (OPECNA): ...all has been made for the promotion of investment among developing countries as part of South-South co-operation.

Dr Fahed Al Rashed of Kuwait, speaking on behalf of Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia and Pakistan at the inaugural meeting of the World Bank-sponsored Multilateral Investment Agency (MIGA), expressed the hope that MIGA would establish close co-operation with the inter-Arab investment corporation set up by Arab states in 1975.

He said once the benefits of MIGA were demonstrated, countries which were still 'hesitant' would surely want to join the agency so that its scope and impact could be increased.

Kuwait is one of the 68 signatories to the convention which established MIGA in 1985. Forty-one of the states, including Kuwait, have formally ratified the convention.

Al Rashed drew the attention of member countries to "the attractive opportunities and incentives for foreign investment" available in the five countries he was speaking for.

He said MIGA was set up to meet the developing countries' need for larger inflows of productive foreign investment.

Cancel part of Third World debt, urges Mitterrand

PARIS, June 10, (Reuters): President Francois Mitterrand called on industrial nations on Wednesday to cancel one-third of the debt of poor countries and said France would go ahead with the cuts whatever the reaction to his proposals.

The response from other industrial powers was immediate.

In an apparently coordinated move, the Bonn government simultaneously announced its own debt forgiveness plan.

Write off

A spokesman said West Germany would write off 86 million marks (\$50 million) of debt owed by five African nations and was considering forgiving 2.2 billion marks (\$1.27 billion) more.

In London, British Chancellor Nigel Lawson welcomed the French plans, which he said were a variant of earlier proposals he had made and had been endorsed by the United States.

In Ottawa, Canadian officials said they would be looking for endorsement of a similar scheme at this month's Toronto economic summit.

In Paris, spokesman Jacques Attali said Mitterrand had already sent a letter to the Group of Seven (G-7) nations due to meet on June 19-21 in Toronto to detail his proposals.

In it, Mitterrand said: "We cannot any longer allow a situation to exist where financial transfers from the South to the North exceed by almost \$30 billion transfers in the opposite direction — with the weight of repayments weighing on fresh credits."

Urgent

"Never has it been as urgent and as necessary to act to help the countries of the Third World, with the gap not ceasing to widen between rich nations and poor nations."

Mitterrand, just one month into a second presidential term, has long championed sub-Saharan nations, some of them former French colonies, and drawn attention to their plight.

He said the poorest nations had been hit hard by the fall in raw material prices, while facing problems such as famine and epidemics. Extreme poverty was growing in Africa, Latin America and many parts of Asia.

The most recent World Bank figures show that at the end of 1985, sub-Saharan Africa had debts of \$63 billion, while the most highly indebted nations, many of them in Latin America, owed the developed world \$304 billion.

About five per cent of their entire yearly economic output of

goods and services went on interest payments.

Under Mitterrand's plan, impoverished nations would have three options to alleviate debt burdens.

They could opt to have G-7 nations — the United States, Japan, Britain, West Germany, France, Canada and Italy — cancel one-third of the total principal amounts borrowed and reschedule the remainder over about 10 years.

Alternatively, they could ask for rescheduling of the total at current market interest rates, extending the repayment time to 25 years from the current maximum of 20.

Rescheduling

Or they could choose rescheduling at a preferential interest rate, less than half of the rates currently charged, and repay over a period of 15 years.

The debt forgiveness would cover loans owed to governments or commercial loans guaranteed by government agencies.

Mitterrand said more imagination should be brought to bear on the global debt problem.

In particular, commercial banks should be encouraged to use new financial instruments to lessen the debt burden.

World Business Summary

S. Korea's dependence on oil increases

SEOUL, June 10, (OPECNA): South Korea's dependence on oil will reach 50.2 per cent in 1991 against an earlier projection of a 46.0 per cent growth, according to the latest figures released by the Ministry of Energy and Resources. A revision of the ministry's sixth five-year plan raised the projection for the country's total energy demand for 1991 to 84.36 million tons of oil equivalent (TOE) from the original estimate of 79.10 million (TOE). The growth rate of the annual average total energy demand between 1987 and 1991 is now set at 6.7 per cent, an increase from the original projection of 5.1 per cent. The ministry also projected that the country's final energy demand, excluding losses during power generation, would reach 67.60 million TOE in 1991, up from the originally estimated level of 64.08 million TOE.

During the 1987-91 period the annual average growth rate of energy demand per capita will reach 5.4 per cent, compared to an earlier projection of 3.8 per cent. The revised plan was to be discussed yesterday at the Korean Energy Economic Institute. According to a spokesman at the ministry, plans were on hand to import crude from China and the Soviet Union in a bid to diversify the country's energy sources.

Colombia's oil pipeline under repair after attack

BOGOTA, Colombia, June 10, (AP): Colombia's biggest oil pipeline, under repair after a series of leftist guerrilla attacks, will return to service today, the state oil company Ecopetrol said yesterday. On July 30, Ecopetrol had to shut down the pipeline because leftist guerrillas had blown it up in five places, company president Francisco Jose Chona said yesterday. The pipeline carries oil from the country's biggest oil field, at Cano Limon, in the state of Arauca along the Venezuelan border in northeast Colombia.

The 500 mile (800 km) long pipeline goes to Puerto Coveñas, a port on Colombia's Caribbean coast. The field is operated jointly by Occidental Petroleum Co., Royal Dutch Shell and Ecopetrol. The field is capable of producing about 300,000 barrels of oil a day, and the pipeline can handle 250,000 barrels a day. Ecopetrol limits pumping from Cano Limon to 215,000 barrels a day.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	197/0
ABBEY LFE	340.0	JAGUAR	258.0
ADT LTD	125.0	LADROCK	435.0
ALD LYONS	422.0	LAND SECS	592.0
AMSTRAD	205.0	LAPORTE	414.0
ARGYLL GP	194.0	LASMO	467.0
ASDA GP	156.0	LEGAL-GEN	303.0
BAA	283.4	LORNO	239.0
BTR	268.0	LUCAS IND	537.0
BAT INDS	443.0	MAGNET	250.0
BARCLAYS	412.0	MARX-SP	172.4
BASS	814.0	MAXWELL C	225.0
BEAZER	180.0	METAL BOX	215.0
BEECHAMS	471.0	NEPC	552.0
BERKSFORD	338.0	NIDLAND BK	430.0
BICC PLC	327.0	NEXT	264.0
BLUE ARW	15.50	NTN FOODS	293.0
BLUE CIRC	42.50	P & O DFD	592.0
BOC GP	398.0	PEARL	547.0
BOOTS CO	222.0	PEARSON	702.0
BPS INDS	285.0	PILKINGTON	217.0
BR CONN	265.0	PLESSEY	155.0
BR AIRWAY	143.0	PRUDENTIAL	167.0
BR AEROSP	397.0	RACAL	14.50
BR GAS RG	175.0	RANK RVIS	368.0
B.P.	263.0	RANK ORG	882.0
B.P. NEW	72.00	RCKIT+CD	720.0
B.P. TEL	243.0	REDLAND	412.0
BRITOL	510.0	REED	411.0
BUNZL	142.0	RHC BK SC	370.0
BURMAN OL	562.0	RNL GP	487.0
BURTON	229.0	RTZ CORP.	506.0
CABLEMTR	360.0	RTZ CORP.	506.0
CADBURYS	412.0	ROLLS ROY	440.0
COATS VTY	233.0	ROTHMAN B	440.0
COMM UNL	405.0	ROYALTREE	067.0
COIS GOLD	070.0	ROYAL INS	414.0
COOKSONS	262.0	SAATCHI	217.0
COURTAULD	346.0	SCOT-NEV	313.0
DALGETY	322.0	SEARS	118.4
DEE CP	187.0	SEGENICEN	230.0
DIXONS	187.0	SHELL	074.5
ENG CHINA	437.0	SHITH IND	245.0
ENTER OIL	465.0	SHITH+NEP	119.0
F&I BARCK	127.0	STC	275.0
FERRANTI	79.5	STORENSE	250.0
GEN ACCID	950.0	SUN ALLIA	097.0
GEN ELEC	146.5	TARAC	239.0
GLAXO	935.0	TATELEY	816.0
GRANADA	328.0	TESCO	148.0
GLOBE	36.25	THORN ENI	659.0
GLYNED	447.0	TRF HSE	312.0
GRAND NTL	510.0	TSE	106.0
GUARD RYL	918.0	ULTRAMAR	305.0
GKN	314.0	UNILEVER	474.0
GUTHRISS	333.0	UNIGATE	335.0
HANSON	613.0	UTD BISC	344.0
HARRODS	137.0	UTD INSPR	416.0
HILLSDON	503.0	WELLCOB	508.0
HILLSTOCK	280.0	WHITBRO IN	342.0
ICI	035.0	WILLIAMS	295.0
IMI	194.0	WILLIS FB	152.0
		WIMPEY GE	252.0
		WOOLWORTH	294.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/4	13/0
2ND ALICE	708/0	707/0
A.B.ELECT	410/0	408/0
A.S.W. NEW	160/4	160/0
AAN HLD	274/0	275/0
AARONSON	117/0	116/0
ACRE OIL	221/0	221/0
ADDITION	39/0	39/0
ADNEST	350/0	350/0
ALEX WROK	185/0	185/0
ALEXON	400/0	400/0
ALLD COLL	131/0	132/0
ALLD PLMT	52/0	52/0
ALLIANCE	796/0	798/0
ANARI	257/0	257/0
AMEC	393/0	393/0
AMER TRST	122/4	124/0
AMERSHAM	451/0	450/0
ANI HLTHC	260/0	260/0
ANGLO O'S	207/4	209/0
APPLEYARD	439/0	440/0
APRICOT	100/0	100/0
APV PLC	114/0	114/0
AQUAS.A.	86/0	87/0
ARM ENGY	79/0	79/0
ARCHER AJ	154/0	153/0
ARLINGTON	203/0	203/0
ARMSTRONG	138/0	138/0
ASHLEY LA	126/0	125/0
ATTWOODS	320/0	318/0
AUS REE A	279/0	280/0
AUST REE	383/0	380/0
B.VEHILL	165/0	166/0
BALL SHI	85/4	85/0
BANK TRE	204/0	205/0
BARKER D	138/0	138/0
BART DEV	178/0	178/0
BAYNES C	26/4	27/0
BEJAM GP	170/0	169/0
BELHAVEN	45/0	46/0
BELLWAY	265/0	265/0
BENLON HD	59/0	59/0
BENTALLS	187/0	186/0
BERKELEY	342/0	342/0
BHAR NHT	193/0	193/0
BHR GROUP	117/0	117/0
BIRNID GL	398/0	398/0
BK OF SCO	379/0	379/0
BLACKWOOD	35/0	35/0
BLCK LE 2	19/0	19/0
BINNETT +F	36/0	36/0
BOASE NA	279/0	279/0
BODDINGTON	152/0	153/0
BODY SHOP	615/0	620/0
BOOKER	396/0	395/0

BORTHWICK

BORTHWICK	59/0	59/0
BOUTHOPE	381/0	381/0
BR ASSETS	66/2	67/0
BR DRENGI	159/0	158/0
BR LAND	339/0	338/0
BR VITA	214/0	215/0
BRAMMER	245/0	246/0
BRENT CHE	146/0	145/0
BRENT WCR	393/0	393/0
BRIDON	175/0	176/0
BRITANNIC	128/0	135/0
BRITTON E	323/0	324/0
BRUNNER	107/0	107/0
BSG INTL	67/0	67/0
BULMER HP	179/0	178/0
CALOR GRP	381/0	380/0
CAMB ELEC	236/0	236/0
CAMB INST	50/4	50/0
CANFOR E	204/0	205/0
CANNING W	202/0	203/0
CANNON ST	285/0	285/0
CAP GRP	298/0	298/0
CAP RFD	296/0	297/0
CARLON C	154/0	155/0
CARLESS C	126/0	126/0
CARLTON C	790/0	788/0
CASE GRP	95/0	95/0
CATER ALL	390/0	395/0
CENTL UT	547/0	548/0
CHARTERHA	20/0	20/0
CHAS CHUR	118/0	118/0
CHATER CN	345/0	346/0
CHLORIDE	49/0	49/0
CHRISTIES	545/0	543/0
CI GROUP	45/0	46/0
CLYDE PET	140/4	142/0
CONTR SEC	54/0	54/0
COALITE	309/0	308/0
COATES BR	319/0	320/0
COLLINS A	465/0	465/0
COLLINS W	563/0	565/0
COLOROLL	197/0	197/0
COSTAIN	316/0	316/0
COURTS A	179/0	177/0
COURTS F	253/0	248/0
COVIE (T)	108/0	108/0
CREST NIC	217/0	218/0
CUB	134/0	135/0
CRODA INT	184/0	184/0
CROTHIE R	197/0	196/0
CROTHIE R	157/0	157/0
CRYSTALST	162/0	163/0
DANES EST	30/4	30/0
DAUNSON I	200/0	200/0
DE LA RUE	398/0	398/0
DELTA GRP	311/0	310/0
DIPLOMA	220/0	220/0
DRAYTON C	430/0	430/0
DRE	387/0	386/0
DUNHILL	207/0	207/0

GT-PTLND

GT-PTLND	335/0	335/0
GUS ORD	655/0	675/0
GVTT ORIE	270/0	269/0
GVTT STRA	229/0	229/0
H'IND DIS	121/0	121/0
HALL (N)	134/0	134/0
HALMA	156/0	156/0
HAMBROS I	210/4	212/0
HAMMERSON	639/0	635/0
HARRISON C	629/0	630/0
HEATHCOTE	424/0	425/0
HELENE PL	37/0	37/0
HEPMORTH	235/0	233/0
HELDEN ST	136/0	136/0
HEYWOOD W	293/0	292/0
HICKS IN	182/0	182/0
HIGGS HIL	348/0	348/0
HINDSON GP	369/0	370/0
HOGG TST	210/0	210/0
HOLLIS	114/0	115/0
HOPKINSON	110/0	110/0
BRSS GMS	156/0	160/0
HIV GROUP	220/0	218/0
IBSTOCK J	164/0	163/0
ICE-FZ FD	368/0	368/0
IMRY H-DV	405/0	405/0
INDPHOT	48/4	49/0
INDPHOT W	12/4	12/0
INT. BU-CU	110/0	110/0
INT. CITY	150/0	149/0
INV. CAP.	326/0	325/0
INVERGORD	269/0	267/0
JNSH. MATH	310/0	310/0
KALAMAZOO	42/0	42/0
KALON GP	34/0	33/4
KELT ENGY	55/0	55/0
KENDY BRK	412/0	413/0
KETSON	88/0	88/0
KIKI SAVE	347/0	346/0
KIKI-FIT	115/0	115/0
LAING 'A'	332/0	331/0
LAING ORD	332/0	331/0
LAING PRP	454/0	452/0
LAIRO GP	250/0	251/0
LANDLEISU	373/0	373/0
LASMO OPS	193/0	190/0
LAURANCE W	172/0	172/0
LDN & HAN	285/0	287/0
LDN & MET	190/0	190/0
LDN INTL	255/0	255/0
LDN SHOP	234/0	234/0
LDN LTD	152/0	150/0
LDN UTD	248/0	248/0
LEX SERV	388/0	388/0
LIFE SEC	55/0	55/0
LILLEY FJ	44/0	44/0
LIT	31/0	28/0
LOW (H)	655/0	655/0
LOW (W)	392/0	393/0
LOW+BONER	238/0	238/0
LMT HLD	155/0	157/0
M&G GRP	368/0	369/0
M.T.N-PLC	139/0	139/0
MACRO 4	288/0	288/0
MAI	104/0	103/0
MAIDERS	201/4	203/0
MARCARITY	235/0	237/0
MARLEY	145/0	145/0
MARSHALLS	241.5	238.0
MARSTON T	122/0	122/0
MATTHEWS	83/0	83/0
MCCALINE	418/0	417/0
MCCARTHY	435/0	436/0
MCCORMICK	316/0	315/0
MCCORMICK	224/0	223/0
MENZIES J	351/0	350/0
MERC. TST	145/0	145/0
METALRAX	83/0	83/0
MAYER INT	385/0	385/0
MIDSUMMER	399/0	398/0
MIL CHLT	133/0	132/0
MOLINS OR	238/0	238/0
MORGAN CR	262/0	262/0
MORGAN GF	353/0	354/0
MORLAND	518/0	518/0
MOUTLEIG	175/0	175/0
MOWLEN J	378/0	378/0
MURSH SN	253/0	252/0
MURY INTL	169/0	169/0
MUCKLOW	177/0	176/0
N. AMER TS	358/0	358/0
N.ENG. IND	91/0	91/0
NEWARKHILL	475/0	475/0
NEWS INTL	254/0	255/0
NHAN INTL	62/0	62/0
NHAN TONK	180/0	181/0
NORCROS	382/0	383/0
NORFOLK C	266/0	266/0
NORMANS	60/4	60/0
NORON OX	140/0	140/0
NSN PLC	9/6	9/6
NURDH-PCO	129/0	129/0
O'SEAS IT	175/0	175/0
ODNITS W	13/0	13/0
OWNERS AB	91/0	91/0
P & O MTS	62/0	63/0
PACIFIC A	115/0	113/0
PEACEY P	495/0	494/0
PENLAND	115/0	114/0
PHOENIX	99/0	100/0
PICKWICK	232/0	231/0

PITTD GN

POMERSON	123/0	123/0
PREDY(A)	154/0	154/0
PREN COM	635/0	635/0
PROOFPOO	212/0	212/0
PAS INTL	630/0	630/0
RAINE IND	425/0	425/0
RATNERS	37/0	37/0
READICUT	233/0	233/0
RECHAM EV	136/0	136/0
REFEARN	292/0	292/0
REFUGEE	182/0	182/0
REGALION	348/0	348/0
REINSHAW	370/0	370/0
REKOWAL	210/0	210/0
REKOTIK	115/0	115/0
RHP GROUP	110/0	110/0
ROBINSON	160/0	160/0
ROCKWANE	218/0	218/0
RONEY	163/0	163/0
ROTHSCHILD	368/0	368/0
RUBENK	405/0	405/0
RUGBY GRP	49/0	49/0
SAGA WOLS	12/0	12/0
SALVESSEN	110/0	110/0
SAVILLE E	149/0	149/0
SAVOY "A"	325/0	325/0
SCAPA GP	267/0	267/0
SCOT NERI	310/0	310/0
SCOT I.T.	42/0	42/0
SCOT NET	33/4	33/4
SCOT MORT	55/0	55/0
SCOT TV	413/0	413/0
SCT MAT C	88/0	88/0
SCT MAT I	346/0	346/0
SCT MAT W	115/0	115/0
SECS TST	331/0	331/0
SELECT AS	331/0	331/0
SHERATON S	452/0	452/0
SIEBE	251/0	251/0
SINON ENG	373/0	373/0
SINGHAFR	190/0	190/0
S	172/0	172/0
SLOUGH	287/0	287/0
SMITH D	190/0-	190/0-
SNITTS DI	255/0	255/0
SPURFIT	234/0	234/0
SPONG H	150/0	150/0
SPRING R	248/0	248/0
SPRX-SPAC	388/0	388/0
STACKS	55/0	55/0
STANLEY	44/0	44/0
STERN	28/0	28/0
STORMHUR	65/0	65/0
STYL I	393/0	393/0
T-TEES	238/0	238/0
TELETYPE		
TELETYPE		
TEMPLE		

International Bond Highlights

Tokyo — Fuji Photo Film Co Ltd plans to issue 400 mln dir in four-year Eurobonds with warrants, a company spokesman said. (RTTR 0848)

London — Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co is issuing a 150 mln dir convertible Eurobond due July 7, 2003, paying an indicated 6-3/4 pct and priced at par. Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said as lead manager. (RTVR 1026)

London — The World Bank is issuing a 150 mln Australian dir bond due July 14, 1993, paying 12-3/4 pct and priced at 101-7/8, lead manager Anz Merchant Bank said. (RTTP 0835)

Amsterdam — New Dutch bond issue rules were put to the test today as subscriptions opened on a 250 mln guilder loan for the Dutch Municipalities Bank. An official of a member of the issuing syndicate said that in this instance the new rules proved favourable to syndicate banks. (RTXU 1336)

Amsterdam — Algemene Bank Nederland NV said it was launching under its own management a 200 mln guilder subordinated bond carrying a 7.00 pct coupon for a 15-year sinking maturity and priced at 100.50 (RTYN 1540)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 7-3/4	8-3/16 1/16	6-9/16 7/16
FFI 3.45/55	3.45/50	3.65/70
PAR 6-7/8 15/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-1/4 3/8
ZUR 2-5/8 2-5/8	2-5/8 2-7/8	2-5/8 2-7/8
BRE 4.80	5-15/16 1/16	6-1/16 3/16
ROM 9-3/4 10-1/4	10-5/8 11-1/8	10-3/4 11-1/4
AMS 1-1/2 2.0	3-13/16 3-15/16	4-1/16 4-1/8
TOK 3.3750 4375	3.8750 9375	3.9375 4.0000
EDU 5.25 5.50	5.68 5.81	6.00 6.12

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on Thursday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6 1/4	6 3/4
3 months	6 1/8	6 3/8
6 months	6 3/16	6 1/2
1 year	6 3/16	6 9/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	63.50	63	64 NICO	580	585	580
ACC	245.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ASIA PAINT	165	161.25	160	---	---	---	---	---	---
BAJAJ AUTO	220	222.50	217.50	---	---	---	---	---	---
BAL. RAYON	235	240	230	---	---	---	---	---	---
BOM. DYING	151	147	143.50	---	---	---	---	---	---
BR. BOND	92	91	90	---	---	---	---	---	---
BSE INDEX	628.63	613.93	610.93	---	---	---	---	---	---
CENTURYSPS	837.50	835	822.50	---	---	---	---	---	---
COLGATE	215	212.50	208.75	---	---	---	---	---	---
DEEPAKERT	42	41	39	---	---	---	---	---	---
E.I. HOTEL	50	52	51	---	---	---	---	---	---
ESKAYE	172.50	165	165	---	---	---	---	---	---
ESSAR	23	23.5	22.50	---	---	---	---	---	---
GAR. POLY	83	82.50	82	---	---	---	---	---	---
GE. SHIP	30.50	29.75	29.50	---	---	---	---	---	---

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	208.0
ALLIANZ VR	1417.0
BADENWERK	182.5
BASF	258.5
BAYER	286.7
BAYER NYF	342.0
BAYER VER	328.0
BBC	309.0
BHW	387.0
BIF	527.0
COMMERZB	222.5
COMT. GUM	250.5
DAI NIPPON	442.0
DEUTSCHE	428.0
DLW	362.0
DRESNER B	245.8
DT. BAROCK	154.0
ERAZ INDEX	465.94
HEIDENHOF	303.09
HEIDENHOF	263.00
HANSEATIC	408.0
HANSEATIC AG	264.2
HOECHST	136.0
HORTEN	187.0
HUSSEL HLD	432.0
KALI SALZ	154.0
KARSTADT	435.0
KLAUFROF	392.0
KLOECC H	127.0
KLOECC W	0
LINDE	683.0
LUFTHANSA	142.5
MAN	188.5
MANHESMAN	155.5
MERCEDES	515.0
METALLURG	312.0
NORDF. PF	491.1
NORDF. NYF	57.00
PHILIP KON	594.0
PORSCHE	505.0
PREUSSAG	167.5
RAI	213.0
RHEINMETAL	276.0
RUEP	217.5
SALAMANDER	251.5
SCHERING	520.0
SEL	296.0
STERN	384.0
THYSEN	142.0
VARTA	291.0
VEBA	252.6
VEW	165.0
VOLKSWAGEN	253.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
C H TUNNEL	16.40
CHEUNG K	7.65
CHINA GAS	17.60
CHINA L-P	18.40
CHINA MOTR	23.00
COSMO PROP	4.00
EVERGO IND	55
FAR EAST C	86
G ORIENT H	44.00
G C DEVELOP	9.30
H S INDEX	647.42
HANG LUNG	5.55
HONG SENG	27.30
HSBC	21.00
HSBC CO	7.50
HSBC ELEC	7.65
HSBC LUM	7.65
HSBC SHAN	6.30
HSBC SHAN BT	4.72
HSBC TELE	7.00
HUTCH UNAN	8.90
IND EQ PAC	11.90
JARDINE H	12.80
KOALCOON H	10.10
NEW WORLD	11.80
PAUL Y CON	2.82
REALTY DEV	6.55
S H K CO	1.95
S H K PROP	11.80
SINE DARY	1.88
STELLUS NFG	2.67
SWIRE PAC	17.60
T V B CO	13.80
TAT CHEUNG	4.07
UNION BANK	1.73
WALOCK HARD	0
WALOCK INTL	0
WORLD MARI	3.47

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN HEAVY TRADE
TOKYO, JUNE 10, REUTER — SHARE PRICES CLOSED DOWN IN HEAVY TRADE MARKED BY FEARS OF CURRENCY INSTABILITY AND A RETREAT ON WALL STREET OVERNIGHT, BROKERS SAID.
A SHORTENED TRADING DAY AND PROFIT-TAKING ALSO DAMPENED MARKET OPTIMISM, THEY SAID.
THE NIKKEI INDEX CLOSED 151.66 POINTS OR 0.53 PCT LOWER AT 27,920.36, AGAINST THURSDAY'S CLOSE OF 28,072.02.
VOLUME WAS 2.2 BILLION SHARES AGAINST A NEAR-RECORD 2.6 BILLION ON THURSDAY. DECLINES LED ADVANCES TIED TO ONE ELECTRONICS STOCKS LED THE DECLINE.
COMMUNICATIONS, NONLIFE INSURANCE, SHIPPING AND ELECTRICAL POWER STOCKS ADVANCED.
SENTIMENT WAS SLIGHTLY DAMPENED BY A 30-MINUTE CUT IN AFTERNOON TRADING HOURS WHICH TOOK EFFECT TODAY. THE SESSION RAN FROM 1:30 TO 3:00 PM LOCAL TIME (04:30 TO 06:00 GMT).
A BROKER AT NIKKO SECURITIES SAID INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS DROPPED OUT LATER IN THE DAY, WHICH PULLED THE MARKET DOWN.
OTHERS SAID BOOK-SQUARING BY DEALERS BEFORE THE WEEKEND SPURRED SELLING.
BUT VOLUME MAINTAINED ITS HUGE LEVELS OF THE PAST WEEK WITH BROKERAGES AND CORPORATE INVESTORS DEALING ACTIVELY.
ROBERT KARR OF NEW JAPAN SECURITIES CITED EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS AS A CAUSE FOR STOCK MARKET CONCERN. "ONE PROBLEM IS THAT CURRENCY (THE DOLLAR) BROKE INTO THE 124 YEN RANGE," HE SAID. "IT'S A BIT OF A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEM."
UNSTABLE EXCHANGE RATES SPURRED SELLING OF EXPORT-RELATED ELECTRONICS STOCKS, SONY LOST 80 YEN TO 5,120, TOKYO 80 TO 4,410, PIONEER 60 TO 3,120, AND HITACHI 50 TO 1,410. THESE ISSUES ARE ALL LISTED IN NEW YORK, WHERE STOCK PRICES FELL OVERNIGHT.
SECURITIES HOUSE STOCKS TOOK THE WORST BEATING, DUE TO PROFIT-TAKING HELPED SPURRED BY A DROP IN YEN BOND PRICES.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 10, REUTER — SHARE PRICES CLOSED FIRMER ON STRONG BUYING, BUT EASED FROM THEIR HIGHS ON LATE PROFIT-TAKING AHEAD OF THE LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN HONG KONG, BROKERS SAID.
THE HANG SENG INDEX WAS UP 6.59 POINTS AT 2,647.42 AFTER RISING TO 2,657.57 IN MID-AFTERNOON, AND THE HONG KONG INDEX ROSE 4.88 POINTS TO 1,754.47.
TURNOVER WAS A HEAVY 1.86 BILLION H.K. DOLLARS, MARGINALLY UP ON THURSDAY'S 1.84 BILLION DOLLARS.
"TRADERS DON'T KNOW WHAT WALL STREET WILL DO, SO THEY ARE TAKING PROFITS BEFORE THE LONG WEEKEND," ONE BROKER SAID.

AMMAN

As of 8.6.88	OPMG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.25	1.25
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.68	1.67
ARAB BANK	114.2	114.2
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.00	4.00
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.38	1.38
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.05
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS.	0.94	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR. INVST. TRD.	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/IND	0.33	0.33
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.98	1.97
ARAB PHARMA. CHEM.	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.30	15.40
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO ANNAH BANK	30.00	30.00
DAR AL SHAAH PRESS	0.46	0.47
DAR ALDINA DV/INV.	1.49	1.50
DARCO/INVEST/ROUS.	0.46	0.44
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.56	0.55
GARAGE OWNERS COF	4.10	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.26	1.27
GENERAL MINING	1.22	1.30
HIMEN MINERALS	0.79	0.80
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20	1.32
IND./MACH. DEVELOP	0.65	0.64
INDUSTRIAL JENVT BHK	1.51	1.50
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	1.26	1.28
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.18	0.19
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ISLAMIC PETRI/CH	1.30	1.28
J. TOUR-SP. COMPLEX	0.75	0.75
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO. TOBACCO/CIARAT	14.00	14.00
JOR. CERAMIC FACTOR	1.09	1.09
JOR. EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR. ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.50
JOR. FINANCE HOUSE	0.91	0.90
JOR. GLASS INDUSTRY	0.99	0.98
JOR. HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR. INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.50	1.54
JOR. INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR. LEASING CORP.	0.67	0.70
JOR. LHM BRICK	0.23	0.24
JOR. MARAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR. NATIONAL BANK	2.54	2.54
JOR. PAPER CARD/BRDG	3.00	3.09
JOR. PHOSPHATE MINS	2.40	2.36
JOR. PIPES MANUFACT.	1.18	1.16
JOR. PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.05	2.00
JOR. PRINTING/PACK.	4.01	4.00
JOR. ROCK WOOD. IND.	0.63	0.62
JOR. SECURIT. CORP.	0.76	0.76
JOR. SELPHO CORP.	2.71	2.69
JOR. WOOD INDUSTRY	1.13	1.11
JOR. WOODST MLL	4.50	4.50
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.30	7.32
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FID. CORP.	1.99	2.00
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.30	0.29
JORDAN DAIRY	1.03	1.03
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.20	1.20
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	1.74	1.75
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.49	1.46
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.76	0.77
MACH. EQUIPMENT/MAIN	0.69	0.73
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
MIDDEL EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
NAT. CABLE/WIRE/INF	0.97	0.98
NATIONAL ANLIA INS	1.24	1.23
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.38	0.40
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72	0.72
NATIONAL STEEL	2.72	2.70
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.94	1.94
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.90	0.85
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
RAPIA ESTATE INV.	0.41	0.41
SEALING LINES	0.86	0.85
SPINNING WEAVING	0.77	0.77
THE HOUSING BANK	1.72	1.74
UNITED INSURANCE	0.93	0.95
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.58	1.58
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.70
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	85.00	86.00	86.00
AC-A	8.80	8.90	8.70	LC-A	44	45	45
AC-B	3.40	3.45	3.45	PC-A	41	42	41
AC-C	3.05	3.10	3.05	PC-B	42	43	42
GLD	36.00	36.50	36.00	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
PLOT	180.00	181.00	181.00	BP-A	02	021	021
KPSI-A	1.60	---	---	BP-B	02	021	021
SNC-A	145.00	146.00	146.00	LRC-A	0026	0028	0026
SNC-B	190.00	191.00	---	LRC-B	0026	003	0028
MIXING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPN-A	04	041	041
APX-A	043	044	044	OPN-B	04	043	---
APX-B	043	044	044	OV-A	035	036	035
AT-A	21.50	21.75	21.75	OV-B	035	036	036

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	297,320	2,891,650	851.02	6.50 UP
MINING	121,128,100	15,498,075	5,795.71	31.18 UP
OIL	249,200,000	3,751,890	6.284	UNCHANGED
TOTAL	370,627,420	22,141,615	861.83	5.94 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	85.00	86.00	86.00
SNC-A	145.00	146.00	146.00	LC-A	44	45	45
SNC-B	190.00	195.00	190.00	LC-B	44	45	45
SD-TIRE	29.00	29.50	29.50	LC-C	46	47	47
PLOT	180.00	181.00	180.00	ZIP	012	013	013
ANSCOR	3.40	3.45	3.45	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
AC-A	8.70	8.80	8.80	STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	---
GLD	36.00	36.50	36.00	BP-A	02	021	021
FER-A	3.00	3.00	3.00	BP-B	021	022	021
FER-B	3.00	3.10	3.00	LRC-A	0026	0028	0026
MIXING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-B	0026	003	0028
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPN-A	039	04	041	---
APX-A	043	044	043	OPN-B	04	041	---
APX-B	043	044	044	OV-A	035	036	035
AT-A	21.25	21.50	21.75	OV-B	035	036	036
AT-B	24.50	---	---	TA	023	025	024

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	40,740	23,107,645	841.38	UP 6.96
MINING	297,536,100	16,374,125	5,132.58	UNCH.
OILS	398,450,000	4,591,120	6.707	UP 0.009
TOTAL	696,396,840	44,072,890	845.49	UP 3.00

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BUSINESS

Gold prices higher

Dollar slips on US trade and interest rate worries

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters): Worries that the US trade deficit is rising and that American interest rates may fall depressed the dollar and weighed on share prices around the world today, dealers said.

Gold rose. Dealers said that despite a slight drop in oil prices, they still fear inflation may be on the rise, especially as hot, dry weather in the North American grain belt threatens this year's harvest.

"I don't think the market's quite comfortable," a Tokyo currency dealer said.

Slipped
The dollar slipped half a penny to 1.7175 West German marks and shed half a yen to 124.80 yen. It lost 0.75 cents to trade around \$1.82 to the British pound sterling.

The price of gold was fixed in London at \$457.10 an ounce, up \$1.65 from yesterday afternoon's rate.

Worries that the US trade deficit may rise when the latest data for April are reported next week weighed on financial markets, dealers said.

"I think the market's already

bracing for a slightly higher number," said Reijer Groenewold, vice president of Bank of America's Tokyo branch.

Currency dealers worry that Americans are still spending more dollars on imports than the rest of the world wants to hold and that the value of the dollar will slide as a result.

Worry
Investors worry that a cheap dollar will price European and Japanese exports off of key foreign markets.

Last month, the dollar jumped when the United States reported a sharp drop in its March trade deficit, to \$9.75 billion. On Wednesday, the figure was revised to \$11.95 billion, take account of seasonal factors.

But economists warned then, and worry now, that a declining trade deficit may be a signal of strong economic growth — strong enough to risk rekindling inflation.

Their worries deepened as dry weather in the US Midwest and Canadian Prairie provinces started forcing grain prices up to their highest levels in years.

Oil prices eased, however.

With some traders betting that OPEC will not be able to prop up prices by agreeing production cuts when oil ministers meet in Vienna, beginning this weekend.

Forced
Meanwhile, traders who had thought the US would be forced to raise interest rates to cool inflation were unsettled when Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisors, said he expects US interest rates to fall.

That would make keeping funds in dollar-denominated bank accounts and bonds less attractive and could weaken the dollar.

And the chance the dollar could go lower helped send Frankfurt's 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index down 2.67 points to 306.49. Paris shares eased and the All Share Swiss index dropped five points to 844.7.

The Australian All-Ordinaries index slipped 3.7 points to 1,586.7, but Hong Kong's Hang Seng index closed 6.59 points higher at 2,647.42.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange rose for a second day today, led higher late in the

day by a firm start on Wall Street. The FTSE 100-share index finished 8.3 points, or 0.45 per cent, higher at 1849.8.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 12.27 points at 2105.62 at the close of London trading.

Encouraged
Several dealers said equities were encouraged by the 1230 GMT announcement that the US Producer Price Index (PPI) for May rose a modest 0.5 per cent, slightly higher than April's 0.4 per cent gain and in line with most market expectations.

"The market reacted very well to some potentially bad news in the PPI, which is a clear change of sentiment from the recent past of taking good news and turning it around," said one UK analyst.

"People's estimates of PPI had been creeping up over the past couple of days, so over time, it wasn't unanticipated," said Bob Semple, an equities strategist at county Natwest Woodmac Ltd.

Several dealers said encouraging signs that Wall Street did not lose the gains chalked up over the past week. "People have been loathe recently to take big posi-

tions but we're seeing a bit more interest after this week's successful period of consolidation," one analyst said.

"There was some trepidation that Wall Street would erase on Wednesday's 50-point rise yesterday, and when that didn't happen, we all breathed a sigh of relief," he noted.

The Financial Times index of 30 industrials closed at 1468.2, up 4.5.

The Financial Times "500" share index was 1041.18 up 3.38.

Instability
In Japan, Tokyo share prices closed down in heavy trade today marked by fears of currency instability and a retreat on Wall Street, brokers said.

A shortened trading day and profit-taking also dampened market optimism, they said.

The key Tokyo share index closed 151.66 points — 0.53 per cent — lower at 27,920.36.

Volume was 2.2 billion shares against a near-record 2.6 billion yesterday.

Robert Karr of New Japan Securities cited exchange rate fluctuations as a cause for stock market concern.

Saudi interest rates surge

KD deposits ease in liquid market

KUWAITI dinar deposits eased in a moderately active Thursday market flush with liquidity after a KD 90 million issue of Treasury bills matured.

Dealers said the market may have underestimated the amount of funds flowing back into the system from the maturing bills on Wednesday which appear to have been held mostly by banks and not, as thought, by the Central Bank.

Impact
A new KD100 million issue, also on Wednesday, subsequently failed to have much impact on liquidity and the market is now expecting a further offering next week. The Central Bank will normally announce a new Treasury bill tender on a Saturday.

Short-dated funds continued to be well offered at nominal rates, with overnight quoted at 1/2 per cent and spot-norm in a range of one to 1/2 per cent.

Most trade centred on the one-month maturity which fell during the morning to end at six, 5-3/4 per cent from an early 6-1/2, six and Wednesday's deals mostly recorded at 6-1/8.

Three-months eased 1/8 point to 6-1/4, six, while six-months was barely traded at a steady 6-1/2, 1/8 per cent.

The Central Bank's dinar exchange rate was a shade easier at 0.27570/80 to the dollar after 0.27548/58 on Wednesday, while commercial banks quoted 0.27575/85.

The on-off-on-off bonds scheme has this year dominated the royal deposit market in which banks in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and London borrow and lend the Saudi currency.

It was first announced by King Fahd at the turn of the year as a way of financing a projected 35.9-billion-riyal (\$9.6-billion) 1988 budget deficit and taking the strain off dwindling foreign reserves at a time of weak oil revenue.

But the next months yielded little news, sparking rumours that conservative religious opposition to the Western concept of interest-bearing securities had killed the scheme.

However, the chairman of the kingdom's commercial banks were summoned to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) — the central bank — earlier this week and briefed on a first offering which will be launched on Saturday or in a week's time.

As a result, interest rates surged in Thursday's deposit market, with one-month funds briefly hitting 8-1/2 per cent or the highest level since the beginning of 1987.

"It was very hectic... it seems the bonds issue is at last going ahead," said one trader in Saudi Arabia.

World oil prices weaken ahead of OPEC meeting

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters): Crude oil prices lost 20-35 cents per barrel on world spot markets today, the eve of the biannual meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna.

The latest drift downward started late yesterday in the US when crude oil on the Nymex, the main US futures exchange, breached technical support levels.

After a short-lived recovery early in the European morning, prices fell a further 20-25 cents per barrel this afternoon, as bearish sentiment re-emerged amid doubts that OPEC will reach an accord to shore up flagging oil prices.

West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude, fell to below \$17 per barrel for July, the lowest price in spot crude oil futures since April 8.

"Nothing will come out of the OPEC meeting, and there is a lot of crude oil around," said one US trader.

In an interview with Reuters shortly after he arrived in Vienna, OPEC president and Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman said that OPEC members are currently producing at 18.2 million barrels per day, well over their official levels.

But Lukman said that provided OPEC members respected their output quotas, it would be possible to attain the OPEC target price of \$18 per barrel. "If we have to cut we will cut, but I don't think we will have to cut to get \$18 if all countries respect their quotas," he said.

The oil ministers of Nigeria, Venezuela and Indonesia, widely regarded as moderates within the 13-member group, were set to meet today to discuss common stands on problems facing the conference, OPEC delegates said.

Gulf Air more than doubled losses last year

BAHRAIN, June 10, (Reuters): Gulf Air, a leading Middle East airline that slid into the red in 1986, said today it more than doubled its losses last year but would still expand its fleet of aircraft.

A company statement said it lost BD2.8 million (\$7.4 million) in 1987 but would push ahead with plans to lease two Boeing 767s in addition to six already in its fleet.

Gulf Air, owned by Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the emirate of Abu Dhabi, was hard hit by Middle East recession and tough competition and lost BD1.3 million (\$3.5 million) in 1986.

Revenues fell last year by 9.2 per cent to BD190 million (\$504 million) from BD209.3 million (\$555 million). In 1985, it net profit was BD13.7 million (\$36.3 million).

Khanpuri clarifies

NRI Investors Forum chairman C.S.S. Khanpuri has clarified that the commemorative shield, which was given to the NRI of the Year 1988, has been sponsored by the Forum.

The shield, and a trophy, were last week presented to the Indian Arts Circle chairman M. Mathews by the Forum.

Khanpuri, in his citation, said Mathews has done a tremendous service to the Indian community by putting it on a sound and respectable setting.

Khanpuri said the criterion of this award is based on the degree of efforts and achievements of a non-resident Indian for the welfare of the community as a whole, irrespective of any regional or communal considerations.

US wholesale price rose in May

WASHINGTON, June 10, (Reuters): Prices at the wholesale level in the United States rose 0.5 per cent in May after a 0.4 per cent increase in April, the government said today.

The increase in the Labour Department's producer price index provided further evidence that inflation was accelerating but not so rapidly that the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, would be forced to raise interest rates sharply in the immediate future, economists said.

Forecasts
The rise, which was led by higher prices for food, was in line with Wall Street forecasts.

The index for finished goods also rose in line with expectations if the volatile components of food and energy were eliminated to get a better picture of the underlying trend.

On this basis, wholesale prices rose 0.3 per cent last month after a 0.1 per cent increase in April.

So far this year, producer prices have risen at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.4 per cent compared with a 2.0 per cent pace in the 12 months ended last month.

But the report showed that higher prices could be in the pipeline. Prices of goods at the intermediate stage of processing rose 0.6 per cent in May after a 0.8 per cent April rise and were 5.3 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Economists said the higher costs would be reflected later in the producer price index for finished goods and, ultimately, in the price people pay in the shops.

Consumer food prices increased accelerated in May to 0.9 per cent after a 0.4 per cent increase in April, the Labour Department said.

Prices for eggs and fish rebounded sharply after falling in April, while increases accelerated for pork, processed chickens, bakery products and vegetables.

Lay ahead

Although food costs were only 0.6 per cent higher than a year ago, thanks to declines in some earlier months, economists said big monthly increases probably lay ahead because unusually dry weather in the Midwest had sent the price of corn, soybeans and other commodities soaring

recently. Crude goods prices also rose a strong 1.2 per cent in May after a 1.3 per cent increase in April, although they remained just 2.4 per cent higher than a year earlier.

The warning signs of inflation in the producer price index come on top of evidence in other government reports that wage increases were accelerating too.

The Federal Reserve has nudged up short-term interest rates in recent weeks to nip inflationary pressures in the bud, but economists said the central bank was anxious not to clamp down too hard for fear of unsettling financial markets and halting the country's economic expansion, now in its 67th month.

Tumbled
Finished energy goods prices rose only 0.2 per cent in May, after a 3.1 per cent price increase in April, as natural gas prices tumbled 3.8 per cent following a 4.3 per cent gain in April, the Labour Department said.

But energy prices remained 0.2 per cent below their year-earlier level, and petrol prices rose 3.8 per cent in May after a 0.7 per cent April rise.

Mubarak signs new Islamic investment law

CAIRO, June 10, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has signed a new law to control the multi-billion-dollar business of Islamic investment companies.

He approved the law late yesterday, less than 48 hours after its passage by parliament, the national Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

The government said the law, which will force private Islamic firms to go public and subject them to scrutiny by a state regulatory agency, was not hostile to the companies.

Threaten

Owners have protested at the legislation saying it could threaten their investments. They deny charges of mismanagement.

The move followed official concern over the growing economic power of the firms, which control the savings of hundreds of thousands of mostly low-income depositors.

Instead of fixed interest, which is banned by Islam, the Islamic companies offer a risk-sharing scheme that paid over 20 per cent a year compared to about 13 per cent by banks.

Bankers feared the companies paid larger dividends than they could afford and warned of a possible political and economic

crisis if the system collapsed.

Owners of four of the largest companies cancelled a mass rally of depositors scheduled for Sunday. One senior company official, who asked not to be named, said they were concerned it would turn into an anti-government riot.

"It is no secret that the government was subjected to a prolonged and fierce war of nerves designed to scare it away from handling the explosive issue," wrote editor Said Sonbol in the best-selling daily Al-Akhbar.

"It must be hoped the government will succeed in enforcing the legislation, a task which is actually uphill."

Permits

The law gives company owners three months to declare whether they plan to stay in business or liquidate. Those continuing must apply for permits to turn themselves into public companies subject to an array of new rules.

An appendix to the law detailing how it is to be implemented is still being drafted.

"The government basically gave itself total power to do whatever it wants with these companies," said a Western economist who studied the law. "But it remains to be seen how the regulations will be applied."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 10, (Reuters): The national sharemarket closed easier in moderate trade on technical selling ahead of the long weekend. The All Ordinaries index fell 3.7 to 1,586.7.

TOKYO: Share prices closed down in heavy trade marked by fears of currency instability and a reaction to the retreat on Wall Street overnight. The Nikkei index fell 151.66 to 27,920.36.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed firmer on strong buying, but eased from their highs on late profit-taking ahead of the long holiday weekend in Hong Kong. The Hang Seng index rose 6.59 to 2,647.42.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed marginally higher on speculative buying and bargain-hunting, with sporadic profit-taking well absorbed. The Straits Times industrial index rose 3.83 to 1,046.43.

BOMBAY: Share prices fell for

the second successive day on heavy selling triggered by fears of harsh measures against excessive speculation. Associated Cement fell 22 rupees to 222.5 and Tata Steel 14 to 862.5.

FRANKFURT: Shares recovered from a poor start but still ended down yesterday's close. The Commerzbank index, set at mid-session, fell 12.1 to 1,417.7.

PARIS: Prices ended the last session before Sunday's second-round parliamentary elections narrowly firmer in quiet trading.

ZURICH: Shares were little changed with a slightly lower bias, although banks were a fraction higher. The All-Share Swiss index was down 1.9 at 847.9.

LONDON: Prices were mixed with a marginally firmer bias after a dull session. By 1455 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 3.3 at 1,846.1.

NEW YORK: Stocks pulled back in morning trading after brief early gains. Brokers blamed profit-taking and a continuing rise in commodities futures contract prices. The Dow was up three at 2,096.

Group of Seven keen to tackle debt crisis

TORONTO, June 10, (Reuters): The seven major non-Communist industrial countries open their annual economic summit here next week with leaders keen to tackle the debt crisis but wary of upsetting a delicate balance in world financial markets.

Delegations from Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany will meet from June 19 to 21 to debate problems ranging from trade imbalances to farm subsidies.

But, with concern over last October's stock market crash receding in the face of robust world growth, senior government officials in a Reuters survey saw a need to ride out the rest of the storm while presenting a harmonious front to the world.

Confidence

"The bottom line for the summit will be the question of the confidence of the markets," said a senior Canadian official who asked not to be identified.

Assistant US Treasury Secretary David Mulford said a goal of the meeting, which will be held in a glass-fronted convention centre near Lake Ontario, would be continued global economic expansion and maintenance of an open world trading system.

"I expect, therefore, that much of the discussion will centre on the coordination of economic policies by the major countries," Mulford said in a recent speech.

This will be President Ronald

Reagan's last economic summit before he leaves office, and seems likely to be an anti-climax for him following his dramatic Moscow summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev earlier this month.

Played down

US officials have played down the chances of major new initiatives, saying it was important not to rock the boat ahead of the US presidential election in November. Reagan's Vice President, George Bush, the Republican candidate, could suffer political damage if the US economy turned sour before then.

Besides, the officials said, current policies were working, with signs of healthy growth worldwide, improvement in the US trade deficit and a reduction in Japan's trade surplus.

Success in stabilising exchange rates has encouraged Washington to propose two enhancements to the policy cooperation begun in 1985: closer coordination of structural changes such as tax reform, and monitoring zones for key economic variables such as trade balances and growth rates.

Endorsement

US officials do not expect unqualified endorsement of the monitoring zone idea from their summit partners. Britain and West Germany fear it would encroach on their independence.

Japanese officials said their policy of promoting domestic

demand to spur growth was helping to rectify trade imbalances and this would help to preserve unity at the summit, the first for Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita.

"We don't expect Japan to be under any harsh criticism about its trade surplus from the others this time," a Japanese Foreign Ministry official told Reuters in Tokyo.

It does appear that a new consensus is emerging to resolve a major part of the Third World debt problem.

Lead
French President Francois Mitterrand this week asked other summit countries of the so-called Group of Seven to follow his lead in cancelling one-third of the debt owed to them by the world's poorest countries, in sub-Saharan Africa.

"Never has it been as urgent and as necessary to act to help the countries of the Third World..." Mitterrand, beginning a second seven-year term, said in a letter to other G-7 leaders.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is expected to be sympathetic to the plan. Bonn has announced its own forgiveness scheme, promising to write off \$50 million of African debt and considering cancelling \$1.27 billion more.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, also promoting a debt relief scheme for the poorest nations, welcomed the initiative.

Japan's trade surplus plunges in May

TOKYO, June 10, (Reuters): Japan's overall trade surplus in May plunged over 20 per cent and the surplus with the United States fell even more, spurring optimism among economists of more declines to come.

"Japan's imports are growing more rapidly than before... and we can expect even more improvement," said economist Masaru Takagi of Fuji Bank Ltd.

The government reported yesterday that Japan's overall trade surplus dropped to \$5.05 billion from 6.42 billion in the same month last year, marking the 13th straight monthly fall.

Pleased
"We are very pleased to see these nice figures," Takagi said. "I'm optimistic for this year and next."

Most of that drop was in the trade gap with the United States, noted Soichiro Akahane, economist at Bank of Tokyo Ltd.

Tokyo's surplus with Washington fell to \$3.30 billion in May from 4.45 billion a year earlier, the fifth straight monthly decline.

Shipments of Japanese cars, which make up a huge portion of exports to the United States, fell 16 per cent in May from a year earlier as car companies have lost their price competitiveness in the American market, Akahane said.

Shipments

"That will make Japan's total exports to the United States sluggish this year," Akahane added.

Exports to the United States fell 2.2 per cent to \$6.80 billion, while imports surged 39.3 per cent to 3.49 billion.

However, Tokyo's surplus with the European Economic Community swelled to \$1.78 billion in May from 1.52 billion.

Although imports grew 32.6 per cent to \$2.06 billion ship-

ments of Japanese goods climbed a rapid 25.9 per cent to 3.84 billion.

Japan's exports to Europe have not slackened as they have to the United States because the yen has not risen against European currencies as much as against the dollar, economists said.

Shipments of Japanese goods to all countries increased 10.2 per cent in May from a year earlier to \$20.50 billion while imports advanced 26.7 per cent per cent to 15.45 billion.

Several economists see the strong rise in exports as indicating a trend which will last until the end of this year.

Although much stems from shipments abroad of capital goods — machinery and parts needed to set up new factories — as Japanese manufacturers move overseas to keep competitive, some is from development of new products, the economists said.

China and India sign protocol to boost trade

BEIJING, June 10, (AP): A trade protocol signed by China and India for 1988 sets no ceilings for the value of imports and exports in an attempt to increase bilateral trade, the Indian embassy said yesterday.

Trade volume was limited by the three previous annual trade agreements between China and India. The ceiling was placed at \$200 million last year.

The mostly government-to-government trade in 1986-87 totaled about \$138 million, with China enjoying a substantial surplus.

Negotiations

Chinese Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Zheng Tuobin told India during their three days of negotiations in Beijing that China was willing to work on a long-range plan to reduce the trade imbalance, a statement from the embassy said.

He also expressed interest in importing such items as food-grains and chemicals, and said the two countries should explore possibilities of technology transfers, it said.

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry sent a delegation to

China earlier this month to look into possible technology sales to small- and medium-sized Chinese companies and other ways of boosting India's exports to China.

Under the newly signed pact, India will export several new products to China, including oil field equipment and chemicals, electronic components and software, agrochemicals and pesticides, linear alkyl benzene and synthetic yarn, the embassy statement said.

Export
China will export raw silk and silk yarn, fresh water pearls, pharmaceuticals and pig iron to India, it said.

The protocol was signed on Wednesday in Beijing by visiting Indian Commerce Secretary AN Varma and Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Shen Jueren.

The two sides also discussed resumption of border trade and agreed to meet for further talks, the embassy said. China and India fought a frontier war in 1962 and still dispute their common border, but economic and cultural exchanges have increased in recent years.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

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Parsi community given short shrift on screen

Indian cinema unfair to minorities

INDIAN films which deal mostly with the two major communities, the Hindus and Muslims, have always treated the other smaller ones with a contempt, born out of ignorance, and also perhaps due to the old habit of sticking to the formulas and stereotypes created by the Hindi screen over the years.

An easy target of this practice is the Parsi community. It is the smallest in India as well as the world, with a living population of about eighty thousand. There are fears for its extinction within the next fifty years or so, with a low birth rate and inter marriages. But the Parsis are also among the most progressive, educated and refined communities in India holding significant positions in various walks of life.



Shabana and Naseer in Pestonjee make the Parsis look like lost aliens in the sub-continent.

And yet, films continue to depict them as they were in the last century. The same antique dresses of long white coats or embroidered saris, the same "pehtas" or "pagdis" on the male heads and white scarfs on the female ones are foisted on the screen characters. What is more damaging is that they are shown to be mincompoops and weaklings. The Parsi on the screen (including TV, video and ad films) is over-talkative, foolish, old-fashioned and well as quarrelsome with others and

speaking a distorted form of the country's language.

Many actors have caricatured them in films before. But Amitabh crowned it all in "Shahenshah", where he briefly played a "bawaji", as the Parsis are mockingly called by other communities. Amit came fully dressed like a last-century antique and had a comic scene with Meenakshi who pretends to save him from robbers. The only saving grace was that Amit was a C.I.D. member in the guise of a Parsi and finally, was one up on the people who wanted to foot him.

It was not so in Feroze Khan's Jaanbaaz, where two Parsis again dressed up in antiquated clothes were ridiculed in a poor manner. When they feel threatened they run to hide behind Dimple's skirt, thus showing the community to be weak and cowardly. Feroze had done it in his "Qurbani" too. We don't know what grudge Feroze bears, since he received his earliest big breaks through the Parsi Wadia brothers in Reporter Raja and Char Darvesh. Is he just following the trend or nursing some grievance from the past?

Earlier on as well many commercial and even some art films have been involved in this mis-

chief. But now a full-fledged film on Parsi life has been made by Vijaya Mehta, with the patronage of the state-owned N.F.D.C. Based on a story that lacks substance or purpose, the film called "Pestonjee" does not exactly ridicule Parsis. Still, it shows them in a light that is not flattering. In a refined way, it follows the same old example of portraying them as quaint, eccentric, old-worldish, ever-complaining and cut off from the mainstream of India's language and culture.

If it is meant to be a realistic artistic film, then it should have been made in the real Gujarati dialect which Parsis actually speak. They break into Hindi only when they have to tackle others. But by making the whole film in twisted Hindi the director blames the Parsis, while also making a very unrealistic film. Surely the Parsis don't speak to one another in such a tongue. And why should they? It is extremely unnatural and it makes the whole film unbelievable. The crowning irony is that the film was given a national award as the best Hindi film of the year. A Hindi film distorting the national language Hindi and getting such honour? Apart from the language compromise, taking popular

Hindi stars like Shabana Azmi, Anupam Kher, Naseeruddin Shah and Kiran Thakur Singh (Mrs Kher) is another big mistake, since they never ring true as Parsis.

All of them look artificial speaking broken Hindi, as the audience has seen them as stars of many Hindi films. Why could the director not use real Parsi artists from the stage troupes, which regularly put up dramas? In fact, a few Parsi actors are only used in small roles. Of course, much credit must go to Naseeruddin for struggling his level best to create the image of a crochety Parsi.

Pestonjee does not tackle any of the acute problems facing the minority community, like housing shortage, late marriages or girls marrying outside the community, exodus to foreign countries, disenchantment with religion and psychological reverses suffered ever since the British left India.

Instead, it wastes public money on a frivolous tale of two friends who wanted to marry the same woman. Anupam plays Pestonjee and Naseer is his pal Piroj, who can't see eye to eye with his living and loving. When Shabana comes as a maiden from Aden, put up for a match

marriage, Naseer likes her but due to his indecision, Anupam's match is fixed up and he marries her. Naseer still nurses love for the two people, though he withdraws from their life and takes a transfer to a small town.

Gap After a gap, he finds that the marriage has hit the rocks. Shabana has become a childless shrew and a looney who often goes hysterical. Anupam has carelessly ruined his health and business. He has an affair with a half-Parsi merry widow (Kiran Singh), who has given him a child. Anupam soon dies of heart attack and when money runs out, it is the mistress who shows some nobility. The film gives a last quaint sermon to Naseer (and to the audience) that one should enjoy life and not just keep interfering. But when did Naseer, as the loner, do that? On the contrary those who flitted through life met a bad end.

The film which was made at a cost of 13 lakhs does not achieve any purpose. It selects a period which is thirty years old so that it can justify the Parsis looking like museum pieces. No doubt, their houses, old decoration pieces and costumes are lovingly collected and photographed. But it still



Hiding behind Dimple's skirt in Jaanbaaz: Parsis shown as weaklings

makes them odd creatures, like some aliens lost in the Indian sub-continent.

Actually Parsis have merged so well in the different professions and pursuits that they are

just like any other present-day Indians. But such films result in getting the minorities even more segregated from the mainstream. We have to still wait for a true film on Parsis.

Brother Shashi talks about the great showman

'Raj Kapoor was my guru'

RAJ KAPOOR was almost like a father to me. Fourteen years older than I, he often called me his eldest son.

My earliest recollections are of him slogging it out at Prithvi theatres. He was in charge of the entire production, would reach the theatre by six in the morning and remain there until late night.

The kind of energy he had made people wonder if Rajji had an extra generator in him. My father admired the capabilities of his eldest son, since he handled virtually everything — from production design to music to lighting.

When he started R.K. studios in 1946 after his marriage, I was roped in, as part of his first venture, Aag. It was wonderful to work with him. But there was one thing I didn't quite fancy — and that was shooting at night. But oh! Rajji knew how to extract work out of me. He'd tempt me with an extra omelette or a soft drink.

Foul

It was during this period that I picked up foul language and would often use it, while talking to my elders. One day, Rajji heard me use it with my mother, and promptly slapped me. I was taken aback.

My brother had always smothered me with affection. Moreover, I'd never been hit by either parent to that day. I shut myself upstairs and hollered. Rajji tried to console me, but when I wouldn't stop crying, he started crying himself. Ultimately, I stopped when he promised to take me out for a Chinese meal.

When he launched his second film, Awara, I got another opportunity to work with him. I played the young vagabond. One day, I went up to him and asked him why he wasn't paying me. He was taken aback.

The very next morning, he bought me a Bell and Howard 16 mm movie camera and said, "Look, you can make use of as



Raj Kapoor: his advice worked like magic

much raw stock as possible, but you got to make a film. You got to do this, if you want to ever make a film." This is how he became my guru in the film line.

Another interesting incident took place when I wanted to get married. Jennifer and I did not have enough money to fly from Singapore to Bombay and get married in front of my parents. I wrote to him and he immediately sent me two air tickets. This was how I kept my promise to my mother and got married in her presence.

In my first film, Mohabbat Ishq Kehate Hain when I learnt that I had to do a song sequence I got very nervous. I went to

him and explained how nervous I was. "Why should you be nervous?" he said. "Take it easy. Do it naturally. Learn your words, move your lips, take a breath when necessary. But don't overdo it. It is better to underplay a role and look more natural. You are a Kapoor and you can do it." His advice worked like magic.

Venture

I wanted him to direct my latest venture, Ajabee, but he politely refused, saying that he wasn't keeping good health. Though I was hurt by his response, I later found that he was talking sense. Egged on by him,

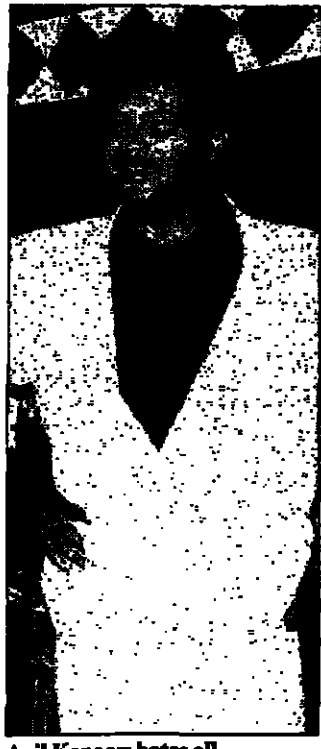
Amitabh and Jaya Bachchan, I decided to take up the direction myself.

I consider his dream sequence in Awara by far the best sequence he has ever produced. When I once challenged him to produce a dream sequence which could beat Awara, he promptly replied, "I'd give you a better sequence if I had with me Nargis, Shankar Jaikishan, Shailendra and Mukesh." I had no answer. His magnificent personality leaves you speechless. This is the greatness of Raj Kapoor.

Courtesy: Illustrated Weekly of India

Behind the Screen

Raj Kumar cooperated with producer Pranlal Mehta during Marte Dam Tak because the actor badly wanted a good role. But now that he has gained popularity from it, he is harassing the same producer over Surya. R. Kumar demands one lakh per day (keeping up with the example set by Dharmendra) and works only for a few hours. He is even completing the much-delayed Usha's stardom ages ago, with his two heroines Waheed Rahman and Sadhna now looking like their own grandmothers.



Anil Kapoor: hates all heroes except himself

Mandakini has a Christian father and a Muslim mother. But she herself seems to be becoming a Buddhist. Recently, she called her "guru" from Nepal for some devout sermons. We can't say what religion her sister Parveen follows. But Manda does not encourage her to be a star any longer. She has started Naam, her own home production. With her secretary, as a private producer: "What better way than to give Parveen a break in it? But Manda has kept her out, though brother Bhanu is very much in the cast."

Suresh Oberoi says that even the government of India has recognised his talent and therefore he has got a stamp of the ISI (Indian Standard Institute), which is meant actually for consumer products. Poor Suresh does not know that it is an independent jury that decides the award and the government only announces it. Of course, the government reserves the right to reject a recommendation made by the jury. Luckily, it was not so in the case of Oberoi.

Sangeeta Bijlani is a very ambitious model and actress. In order to become a star overnight, she kept a friendship going with Vinod Khanna and Smay Dutt. Now that director N. Chandra is a big-selling name, she has become very friendly with him and has got the heroine's role in Yagadhar. Changing boy friends faster than lightning? No wonder her pet name is Bijli.

Anil Kapoor troubled the



Mandakini: denying her sister stardom

producer of "Inteqam" by not giving dubbing dates. The real reason was that the film has another hero Sunny, who has recently stolen the limelight in Paap Ki Duniya. For some time, Anil was helpful, when his brother Boney was planning to take its distribution rights. But when Boney gave up the idea, Anil became ice cold towards

the film. After Anupam, Amrish and Rakesh Roshan, it is Nana Patekar's turn to shave off his head and go bald. He did it for an art film "Trishagni" but now he is planning to keep it permanently, so that he may also turn into a scary-looking villain.



Sangeeta (left) with Vinod: changing boyfriends faster than lightning



Suresh Oberoi: claiming official recognition of his achievements

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

CHANGES OF ADOLESCENCE CAN LEAD TO DEPRESSION

QUESTION: How do you recognise depression in a teen-aged daughter?

ANSWER: Because teen-aged girls are going through so many social, physical and emotional changes, it is hard for parents to sort the normal difficulties from those that need professional attention. Adolescence is a time of change for parents and children, so there will be times of friction, anxiety and sadness. These times do not last, however, and they are resolved by continuing communication between parent and child.

The time to be concerned is when withdrawal, self-consciousness and sadness are prolonged, and communication is limited or non-existent. Recognising that adolescence is a time of change, it is just as important to realise that it is a part of life and that most teens cope with it without withdrawing from others or suffering prolonged mood changes.

Women suffer more adult mood disturbances than men, and this finding is consistent throughout the world. As you might expect, the reasons for this are not agreed upon, with some feeling the differences are biological and some feeling that social cir-

cumstances cause them. Regardless of the reasons, your teen-aged daughter has a higher chance of having emotional difficulty than your teen-aged son.

If your daughter is experiencing sleep disturbances, changes in eating habits, loss of interest in her appearance and withdrawal from friends and family, she may be suffering depression. If her normal functioning is disturbed by depression, she needs attention. School and work performance will suffer, because depression zaps the energy that is required for good performance.

Talk with school counsellors or your family doctor if you are concerned about your daughter. Counselling by a skilled and caring professional may be all that is needed, or your daughter may require the help of anti-depressant medications to help her over this difficult time.

QUESTION: I have a very brief question that no one seems to be able to answer for me. Why do we yawn?

ANSWER: Actually, that is a very good question. I'll be honest. There is not a tremendous amount written about the process of yawning but it certainly is some-

thing we all do, at one time or another. Now a yawn is not simply opening the mouth wide, but is usually accompanied by a deep inspiration, filling the lungs with air. That has led to a theory that yawning has something to do with the state of our lungs. As we all know the lung is filled with millions of minute air sacs where oxygen is taken out of the air transferred into the bloodstream. After sitting down for a prolonged period of time, some of the air sacs collapse. When enough of them have been affected, we yawn to re-expand them. If we search for a logical reason for everyone yawning at the same time, it might be because they are all doing the same thing, like sitting in a room with stale air, watching a show, where shallow breathing sets in. Therefore, they would all need to yawn at the same time. Of course, it also has been written that yawning can be induced by the power of suggestion, and we sort of "catch" it from the next person. Or it could just mean the show was boring and the yawn was a display of disinterest. Take your pick.

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SPORTS

Bonds takes Pirates past Cubs

PITTSBURGH, June 10, (AP). Talk about slumps. Not only do the Pittsburgh Pirates rarely rally to win in their final at-bat, Barry Bonds was 0-for-1988 in game-winning situations. Make that 1-for-1988.

Bonds, batting just .184 with runners in scoring position, lined a two-run, two-out single late in the ninth inning to beat the Chicago Cubs 4-3.

Completing a comeback that began with doubles by Darnell Coles and Sid Bream off the Cubs' right-handed relief ace Rich Gossage, the Pirates came back to win in their final at-bat for just the fourth time since 1983.

"What did that mean to us? It meant a lot because of the way we did it," Bonds said. "What did it mean to me? It meant a lot because it showed that in that situation I can get a big hit... my job is to score runs, not drive them in, so if I drive them in it's just a bonus."

Jim Gotti, 3-1, pitched 1-2-3 scoreless innings in relief of John Smiley, who allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings in his matchup with former high school rival Jamie Moyer.

Dodgers 4, Astros 2
John Shelby extended his hitting streak to 24 games with a tiebreaking double as Los Angeles beat Houston at Dodger Stadium for a split of their four-game series. Mike Marshall hit an RBI double in the fifth inning and Shelby followed with a double that made it 3-2. Mike Scioscia added a run-scoring single off Nolan Ryan, 5-4.

Giants 6, Braves 4
Winning pitcher Mike Lacoss singled to start a four-run third inning that carried San Francisco over Atlanta. Lacoss, 5-4, won his third straight decision and Scott Garretts got his third save. Pete Smith, 1-6, lost his fifth straight decision. Dale Murphy hit a solo homer, his eighth, and a run-scoring double for the visiting Braves.

Padres 3, Reds 1
Jimmy Jones held Cincinnati to three hits for eight innings and San Diego scored three unearned runs in the third. Jones, 5-5, struck out three and walked two. Mark Davis closed with hitless relief for his eighth save.

Results

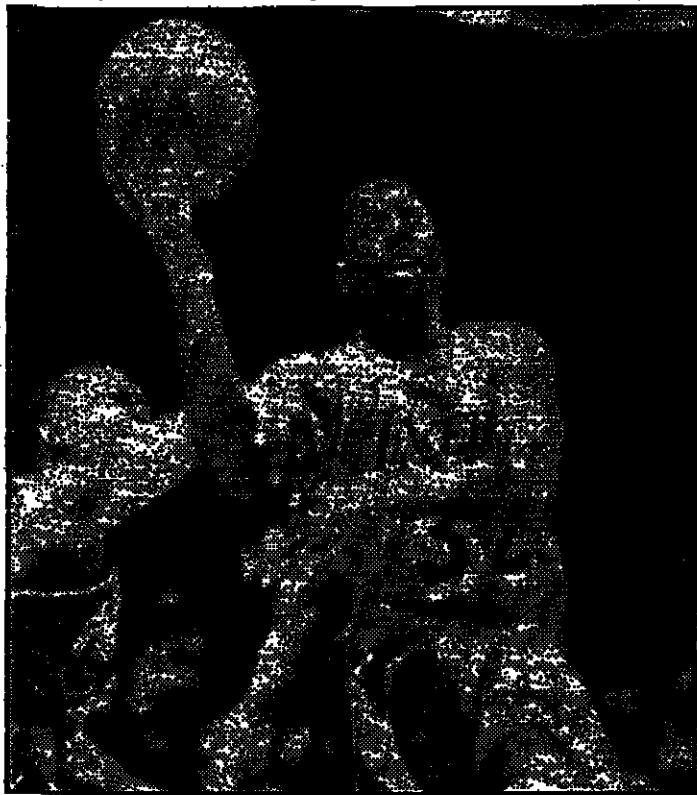
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San Diego	3	Cincinnati	1
San Francisco	6	Atlanta	4
Pittsburgh	4	Chicago	3

PISTONS SHACKLED IN SECOND GAME

Lakers win to even NBA series



'Magic' Johnson (right) drives past Pistons' Rick Mahorn and is fouled while trying to score. (Reuter wirephoto)

LOS ANGELES, June 10, (Reuter). James Worthy scored 26 points to lead the fast-breaking Los Angeles Lakers to a 108-96 win over the Detroit Pistons yesterday and even the best-of-seven National Basketball Association (NBA) championship series at one game apiece.

The Lakers, shackled by the rugged Detroit defence in a shock 105-93 defeat in the opening game, took advantage of miserable first-half shooting by the Pistons to build a 10-point half-time lead of 49-39 and never trailed after that.

Outburst

Detroit fought back gamely late in the third quarter and early in the fourth, using a 17-5 scoring outburst against Los Angeles to even the game at 80-80 with just over eight minutes left.

The Lakers, however, scored nine of the next 11 points and were never again threatened. Adrian Dantley, who scored 34 points to lead Detroit to victory in game one, was limited to a team-high of 19 points.

The series now moves to Detroit for games on Sunday, Tuesday and next Thursday

before returning, if necessary, for the final in Los Angeles.

For the Lakers, who avoided becoming the first team ever to lose the first two games of an NBA championship series at home, it was a must game.

"We had to win," said Lakers star Earvin 'Magic' Johnson, who fought off a stomach virus to break the 20-point mark in scoring, while handing out 11 assists.

"If we did not win tonight we faced a very tough road," said coach Pat Riley, whose Lakers are trying to become the first team to win back-to-back NBA titles since the 1968-69 Boston Celtics.

Detroit, who never quite recovered after shooting a dreary 32.5 per cent from the field in the opening two quarters, seemed satisfied with earning a split in Los Angeles.

Agreed

"If we win the next three games at home, we'll be the champions," said star playmaker Isiah Thomas.

Detroit coach Chuck Daly agreed. "The ball is on our court," he said.

McLarens tipped to win GP

MONTREAL, June 10, (Reuter). The key words in the Formula One Grand Prix season so far are Prost, McLaren and turbo-charged — a combination which enters Sunday's Canadian Grand Prix with victories in three of the four races this year.

In the San Marino race he failed to win, Frenchman Alain Prost — who has won a record 31 Grand Prix races — was second, behind McLaren teammate Ayrton Senna of Brazil.

Prost, with 33 points, leads the race for the world drivers' championship. Ferrari's Gerhard Berger of Austria, second in the opening race of the season in Brazil and again in Monaco, is in second place with 18 points, three ahead of Senna.

Laps

The McLaren teammates are obvious strong favourites for Sunday's race, over 69 laps of the 4.41 km Gilles Villeneuve circuit, although Prost has never won a

Grand Prix in North America. The track has been altered since the last Canadian Grand Prix in 1986 and now includes a longer straight before the left-hand, 90 degree bend.

The race, on a man-made island on the St Lawrence River, was cancelled last year because of a legal wrangle involving a sponsorship dispute between rival breweries and the Formula One Constructors' Association (FOCA), the governing body of Grand Prix racing.

Bubka breaks world record

BRATISLAVA, Czechoslovakia, June 10, (AP). Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union broke his own world record in the pole vault yesterday, clearing 19 feet, 10 1/4 inches (6.05 metres) on the second day of an International Amateur Athletic Federation meet.

Bubka, who bettered the mark of 19-9-1-4 (6.03) he set June 23, 1987, in Prague, cleared the height on his first attempt.

"I can tell you that I was doing six metres easily at my training sessions recently. I am in great shape," Bubka told CTK, the official Czechoslovak news agency.

Bubka, 25, is the only pole vault jumper to clear 6.00 metres (19-8 1/4). After his record-setting vault, he had the bar raised to 6.10 metres (20-0 1/4), but symbolically walked under the bar.

"After breaking the record I had no competition and no motivation," Bubka said. "To smash the world record twice in the same day is probably too much."

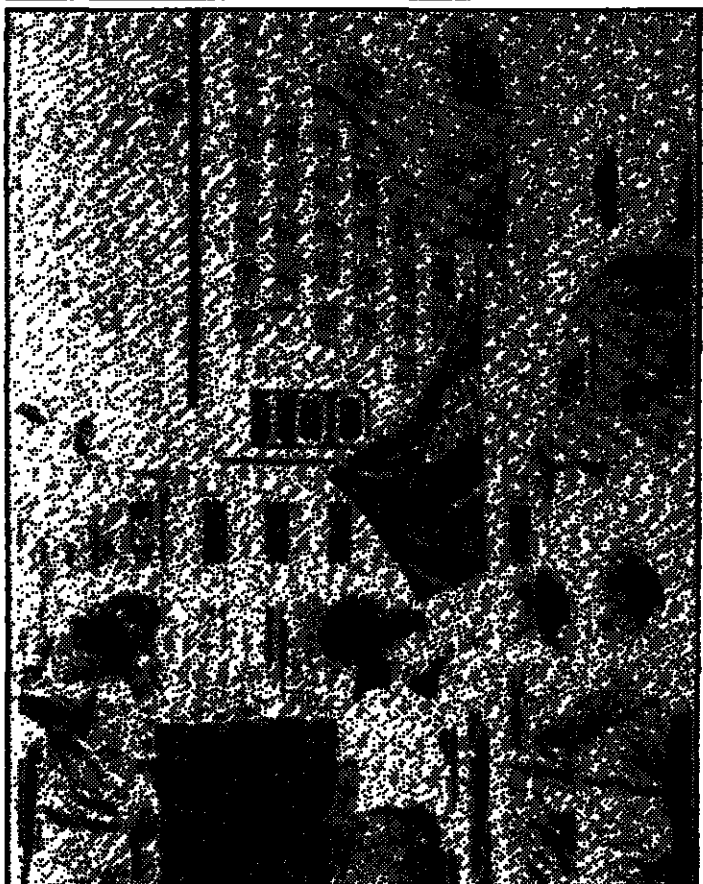
Bubka's achievement, his eighth world record, since he skyrocketed into fame with a vault of 5.85 metres (19-2 1/4) at Bratislava in 1984, was the second world record set this year.

Risen Star named early favourite

ELMONT, N.Y., June 10, (Reuter). A field of just six horses was entered in yesterday's official draw for the 120th running of the Belmont Stakes, the third leg of American thoroughbred racing's triple crown, to be run at Belmont Park tomorrow.

Risen Star, winner of the May 21 Preakness Stakes, the middle leg of the 'triple crown' which began with the Kentucky Derby on May 7, has been named the 8-5 early favourite and will start from the fifth position.

Kentucky Derby winner, Winning Colours was the second choice of the oddsmakers at 9-5.



S. Korean boy and girl scouts raise the flags of competing nations. (Reuter wirephoto)

Seoul marks 100th day before Olympics open

SEOUL, South Korea, June 10, (AP). Thousands of people yesterday marked the 100th day before the Olympics open by raising the flags of the 161 competing nations at City Hall Plaza.

Traditional instruments wailed Korean tunes, and a marching band of women dressed in blue shorts, white boots and rainbow sashes sounded a fanfare while thousands of people paused along the sides of the plaza to watch the half-hour ceremony.

Expected

A giant "100" glowed from a signboard atop City Hall that has been counting down to the Olympics for more than a year. The biggest-ever Games, with 12,000 athletes expected, are scheduled Sept 17-Oct 2 in the South Korean capital, the second Asian city to host the Summer Olympics. The 1964 Games were held in Tokyo.

In recent months, Olympic flags had flown from the double circle of flagpoles around an island of greenery and a fountain in the centre of an intersection of three major streets. They were

replaced yesterday by the 161 national flags, along with one Olympic flag and a Seoul Olympic flag.

Four people manned each flagpole for the ceremony. A person dressed as hodor, the Seoul Olympics' tiger mascot, stood beside mayor Kim Yong-Nae and other dignitaries.

These are the first Summer Olympics since 1976 in which both the United States and the Soviet-bloc countries are competing. North Korea, Albania, Cuba, Nicaragua, Ethiopia and the Seychelles have not accepted invitations to enter the Games in Seoul. North Korea has said it won't enter unless it is made a co-host.

Meanwhile, sports officials briefed President Roh Tae-Woo on the progress of preparations for the Games.

"The only problems remaining now are to stage the Games safely by preventing security provocations or terrorism and have the entire people participate in the Games as 'our Olympics' ... to turn the Games into a festival of joy, harmony and peace," Roh said.



Spinks and Tyson (right) at the press conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

I'm the best: Tyson

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, June 10, (AP). Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was in a no-nonsense mood Wednesday at a news conference for his title defence against Michael Spinks June 27.

While Spinks answered questions in a laidback manner, Tyson bristled at many questions.

After Spinks, who was stripped of his International Boxing Federation heavyweight championship, said he still feels like a champion, Tyson noted that Spinks had given up the title rather than fight him last year.

Champion

"I'll die or give up anything before I give up my title," Tyson said.

"He's a champion? Give me a break. He never fought anybody but (Larry) Holmes. He never fought anyone in the top 10 — a Tony Tubbs, a Pinklon Thomas. Give me a break."

Tyson, the undisputed champion, is a 4-1 favourite, as was Thomas Hearns, who was upset by Iran Barkley for the World Boxing Council middleweight title Monday night.

Asked if he thought the same thing could happen to him, Tyson, 21, snapped, "I'm not Tommy Hearns. I'm the best fighter in the world."

Tyson appeared extremely sensitive to questions about his

personal life.

There have been reports of feuding in the Tyson camp involving the fighter, manager Bill Cayton and promoter Don King.

Asked if his relationship with Cayton would change after the fight, Tyson said, "that's none of your business. I'll take care of that after the fight. I'm an independent man. I can handle myself."

Then, he lashed out at the media, snapping, "Whatever good relationships we've had, throw it away."

He complained about what has been written about him.

Shortly thereafter, a caller on what was a satellite hookup, said to Tyson, "You're expecting a child. What was your favourite subject in school that you could help a child with?"

"You shouldn't ask personal questions like that," Tyson replied.

There could be a problem about the length of the fight. The IBF, whose turn it is to be in control of a fight for the undisputed heavyweight title, has a 15-round title limit which will not change until September.

"I have decided it will be a 12-round fight and I hope Bob Lee will reconsider," Cayton said of Lee, who is president of the IBF.

"If Mike steps into the ring as our champion, he'll step into a 15-round fight," said Lee.

Ali shows old form in interview

WASHINGTON, June 10, (Reuter). Boxing great Muhammad Ali, whose speech has been slurred and stumbling in recent years, is talking as rapidly and as clearly as of old thanks to new medicine he is taking for Parkinson's Syndrome, the Washington Post said yesterday.

The Post said the new treatment has allowed Ali to talk as rapidly as a machine gun as he sprays forth comments on everyone from Jesse Jackson to Mikhail Gorbachev.

The former heavyweight champion has cut a tragic picture in recent years because of his slurred speech that has led many people to assume he took too many head blows in the ring.

"I bet you're surprised I'm talking this good," Ali said in an interview with the Post. He added, "see, I'm not stupid. I'm not brain damaged. The mind is good. I just sometimes have trouble articulating."

He said he was now taking new medication that "makes a real difference," but declined to discuss it in detail.

Caused

Ali suffered from Parkinson's Syndrome, which is related to Parkinson's disease and was caused by the many beatings he took in the ring. It is a progressive neurological degeneration that causes muscles to be unresponsive.

The ex-champion was philosophical about his illness. "God gave me this physical impairment to remind me that I am not the greatest. He is," Ali said.

On other subjects, Ali suggested that the time was not yet right for black civil rights activist Jesse Jackson to become president.

"I think timing is everything," he said, adding, "And I don't think the time is right for Jesse to be the leader of the free world. He needs to prove that he is not just a cheerleader."

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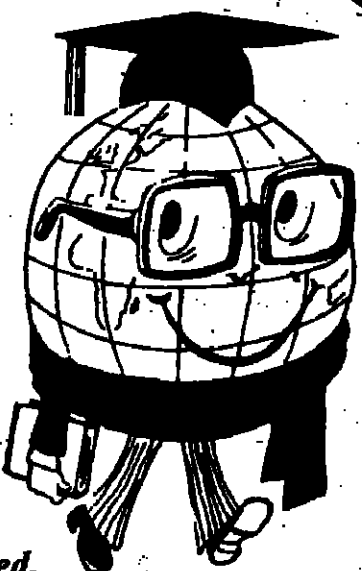
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Dull draw

MANCHESTER, England, June 10, (Reuters). West Indies settled for some valuable bowling practice as their rain-hit three-day game with Lancashire ended in a dull draw at Old Trafford today.

Club record

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters). English First Division Tottenham paid a club record fee of £1.5 million for Manchester City's England under-21 striker Paul Stewart yesterday.

Euro-soccer

BRUSSELS, June 10, (Reuters). Belgium and the Netherlands want to host the 1996 European Soccer Championship finals jointly, the Belgian Football Union said yesterday.

Shriver triumphs

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 10, (AP). Top-seeded Pam Shriver of the United States returned to grass courts and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Dow Chemical Classic women's tennis tournament today with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over South Africa's Dinky van Rensburg.

Bologna tennis

BOLOGNA, Italy, June 10, (AP). No. 1 seed Kent Carlsson of Sweden breezed past Juan Aguilera in 65 minutes yesterday evening, overpowering the Spaniard, 6-0, 6-2, in second round men's singles play at the \$99,000 Bologna tennis tournament.

French Oaks

PARIS, June 10, (Reuters). Crispate Head, who has already won the English and French 1,000 Guineas with Ravinella, fields the likely favourite in the Prix de Diane (French Oaks) on Sunday.

Motor racing

LE MANS, June 10, (Reuters). Motor racing chief Jean-Marie Balestre today unveiled a plan to break free from the 'corset of Europe' and create a true World Sports Car Championship.

England decision

SYDNEY, June 10, (Reuters). England's decision to inject pace into its backline and pack has dented Australian confidence ahead of Sunday's second Rugby Union Test.

Welsh side

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, June 10, (Reuters). A demoralised Welsh Rugby Union side, thrashed 52-3 in their first Test against the All Blacks, are not expected to fare much better in the second Test at Auckland tomorrow, most pundits say.

Belmont Stakes

ELMONT, N.Y., June 10, (Reuters). US horse-racing's triple crown cannot be won this year but \$1 million in bonus money is keeping interest high in the 120th running of the Belmont Stakes tomorrow.

Wimbledon fined

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters). English Football Association (FA) Cup Winners Wimbledon were fined £5,000 on Wednesday after nine players barred their bottoms of the crowd in a testimonial match.

Westchester Classic

HARRISON, N.Y., June 10, (Reuters). Loren Roberts and Howard Twitty, with one tournament victory between them this decade, shared the first-round lead in the \$700,000 Westchester Golf Classic with scores of five-under-par 66 yesterday.

W.GERMAN POLICE SIMULATE RIOTS BY ENGLISH FANS

Irish relish clash with injury-hit England

STUTTGART, West Germany, June 10, (Reuters). England, hit by familiar injury worries, face their first major test since the 1986 World Cup in Mexico when they meet Ireland in Sunday's opening European Championship finals Group Two match.

With central defenders Mark Wright and Dave Watson very doubtful, captain and midfield inspiration Bryan Robson could be pressed into service as a makeshift deputy at the back for a clash which the Irish are approaching with considerable relish.

"We are looking forward to it," said coach Jack Charlton, the World Cup-winning Englishman whose discipline and tactical acumen has guided the Irish to their first appearance in the finals of a major tournament on the crest of a 10-match unbeaten run.

"We know England have had an in-and-out last year. And we know they have three or four world-class players. But we shall play to win outright," Charlton said.

"We have never approached any game differently since I took over. We never look for a draw. It is not our way of playing. We intend to win — and I shall have no feelings for the opposition at all."

Charlton has a full strength squad to pick from and is unlikely to upset the team which has performed so well recently, save for the return of the gifted Kevin Sheedy in midfield after a calf



A police dog is set on policemen dressed up as soccer fans. (Reuters wirephoto)

strain. But England coach Bobby Robson, faced with a similar situation to that which bedevilled England two years ago in Mexico, will be unable to announce his team until the last moment on Sunday.

As well as injuries to Watson (thigh strain) and Wright (hamstring), he also has doubts about his chief marksman, the 1986 World Cup finals' leading scorer Gary Lineker (knee), and midfielder Trevor Steven (hip).

To add to this problems, rumours abounded yesterday about the fitness of Bryan Robson who was withdrawn from a practice match against local part-timers VFR Heilbronn.

In that game, which England won unimpressively 4-0, only midfielder Glen Hoddie — who has not started a match for his country since September last year — shone as a second-half substitute alongside Monaco club-mate Mark Hateley in attack.

Several England players appeared tired after their long domestic season and, unlike the Irish, have admitted they would have preferred less familiar opposition in their opening game.

But with Lineker, Peter Beardsley and John Barnes to call upon, England should have the ability to attack to steal a narrow victory if their defence can hold out in what promises to be a typically competitive and



England warm up for their first practice match yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

physical British affair.

Probable teams:

England — Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens, Tony Adams, Mark Wright or Bryan Robson, Kenny Sanson, Chris Waddle, Neil Webb, Bryan Robson or Glenn Hoddie, John Barnes, Gary Lineker, Peter Beardsley.

Ireland — Pat Bonner, Chris Morris, Mick McCarthy, Kevin Moran, Chris Hughton, Ray Houghton, Paul McGrath, Ronnie Whelan, Kevin Sheedy, John Aldridge, Frank Stapleton.

Yesterday, West German police in riot gear staged a mock battle with colleagues posing as

English soccer hooligans in Munich's Olympic stadium.

A Reuters photographer saw about 250 baton-wielding police charging about 100 'fans' who were shouting slogans in English.

They then went into the crowd with horses and dogs, pulling 'supporters' away and herding them handcuffed into police vans.

The two-hour riot training, held in and around the stadium which hosts the June 25 final, was intended to be secret. Regular visitors to the Olympic complex were kept away.

The practice took place as foreign fans began drifting into West German cities. Across the country police were congregating in potential trouble spots to pre-empt any violent outbreaks.

Leaving

The two matches which most concern the authorities involve England — against Ireland in Stuttgart and against the Netherlands in Dusseldorf next Wednesday.

"We're not leaving anything to chance," Dusseldorf police chief Wolfgang Rodax said.

But police, who have been planning anti-hooligan tactics for a year, say their aim is not to saturate towns with officers but to pick out and swoop on trouble-makers.

"Whatever criticism there might be, this will not be the European police championships," said Cologne police director Winrich Granitzka.

Gatting sacked as England captain

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters). John Emburey was named England cricket captain today, taking over from Mike Gatting who was sacked yesterday.

Gatting was stripped of the captaincy by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for behaving irresponsibly during the first Test by inviting a woman back to his hotel room.

Test

TCCB chairman Peter May said Gatting had told the selectors he did not wish to be considered for the second Test against West Indies which starts at Lord's next Thursday.

Cricket authorities said yesterday they accepted his denial of sexual misconduct with the woman on Monday night during the first cricket Test match against the West Indies. But they added they were concerned at his admission that he had behaved irresponsibly.

Former England captain Peter

May, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board selectors, told reporters: "No player must put himself in a position whereby the image of English cricket is damaged in any way."

Gatting had told the selectors he was celebrating his 31st birthday and invited a woman to his hotel room near Leicester, central England for a drink, and that for a time they were alone.

The bearded cricketer, who is married with two children, issued a statement last night saying: "I categorically deny allegations of sexual impropriety which have been made against me by certain newspapers."

"I have instructed my solicitors to commence the necessary action against those newspapers for libel."

The woman at the centre of the row, 20-year-old Louise Shipman has told reporters that she and two other women accompanied Gatting and other members of the England team to the

hotel.

Four other players, Allan Lamb, Phillip DeFreitas, Paul Jarvis and Paul Downton, have been asked to give their explanations to the selectors about widespread newspaper allegations to sex romps.

Emburey, 35, will lead England for the first time in a Test after spending more than two years as Gatting's number two. He has also served under Gatting at Middlesex.

Grace

Ironically Emburey had to pull out of a benefit game for Gatting and dash to Lord's to accept the captaincy invitation. He then assisted the selectors pick the side for the second Test which will be announced on Sunday.

Until Gatting's fall from grace, Emburey's own place in the Test team had been in danger. In the drawn first Test at Trent Bridge, he took a fearful whack

ing from Viv Richards and Carl Hooper.

The off-spinner, once recognised as one of the game's most economically slow bowlers, was hammered for 37 in three overs at one stage.

Emburey has a shrewd tactical brain and is a popular team member, so the other players should respond to him during his crisis take-over.

He has had two brief ventures at leading England — in a one-day tournament in Sharjah last year following England's victorious Ashes tour to Australia and, again in 1987, in a limited overs game against Pakistan at Trent Bridge when Gatting was ruled out with a badly injured toe.

The other candidates for the captaincy were Graham Gooch and David Gower, although Gower is still associated with the 10 successive Test defeats by West Indies between 1984 and 1986.

Dutch and Soviets set to exhibit their skills

COLOGNE, West Germany, June 10, (Reuters). The Netherlands and the Soviet Union, two of the world's most gifted teams, should provide a rich soccer spectacle when they clash in the European Championship finals on Sunday — if caution does not cramp their style.

The potential for adventure is personified in opposing attackers Ruud Gullit and Igor Belanov, European Footballers of the Year present and past who each could turn this critical initial encounter in a moment's brilliance.

Fancied

The Dutch have languished since the second of their two World Cup final appearances in 1978 but are now widely fancied following the European exploits of club PSV Eindhoven and Ajax Amsterdam and the flowering of Gullit's multifarious skills.

The Soviet Union, second to

none in adventure and zest, embellished the 1986 Mexico World Cup and subsequently enhanced their reputation by defeating defending champions France in qualifying for these European finals.

But a reckless commitment to all-out attack has undone them in the past, most graphically in Mexico when a superb Belanov hat-trick could not save them from defeat by dogged Belgium.

Now, however, a note of restraint has been sounded by team chief Valery Lobanovsky, whose 20-man squad again comprises a majority of players from his own exciting club Dynamo Kiev.

"We have learned the lessons from Mexico and will play more rationally than in the World Cup. The most important thing in football is to win. I don't expect such attractive football in the European Championship," he said.



Princess Diana (right) talks with Graf. (Reuters wirephoto)

Graf apologises again

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters). World number one Steffi Graf had to apologise for the second time within a week when she was late for a tennis date with the Princess of Wales here today.

The embarrassed 18-year-old West German arrived 20 minutes late at the Vanderbilt Club where the princess opened the new European office of the Women's International Tennis Association.

Last Saturday in Paris, Graf apologised to the crowd at the French Open after taking only 34 minutes to win the women's title by beating Russian Natalia Zvereva 6-0 6-0 in the women's singles final.

This time Graf was even more embarrassed after keeping the princess waiting.

"The traffic was terrible, it took us almost two hours to get here from Wimbledon," Graf said.

The princess replied: "It's typical of London at the moment."

Graf added: "What made it worse was that the driver got lost and in the end I was reading the map."

Graf travelled to the club with father Peter and coach Pavel Slozil, who said: "It's inexcusable to be late for anything, especially today. Steffi is never playing tennis so much."

Later the princess took to the court to face Graf in a "friendly and social" mixed doubles. The two then teamed up against a men's pair.

Bell takes Le Mans pole position

LE MANS, France, June 10, (Reuters). Three Porsches head the grid for the Le Mans 24-hour sports car race this weekend without the thorn in their side of a Mercedes challenge.

A Mercedes spokesman said today the team had decided taking part would not be in the interests "mainly of our drivers and not least those of this year's race itself."

Mercedes pulled out yesterday after a puncture at 360 kph along the Mulsanne straight in practice earlier in the week.

The team's best practice times were 15 seconds behind West German Hans-Joachim Stuck in

his Porsche.

It was Stuck, winner for the last two years with Briton Derek Bell, who captured pole position.

His lap of time of three minutes 15.64 seconds represented an average of 250.164 kph. He clipped nearly six seconds off the old record and became the first man at Le Mans to crack the 250 kph average speed barrier.

Best

The two other works Porsches line up second and third on the grid with the leading Jaguar of Briton Martin Brundle and Dane John Nielsen in fourth place after a best lap of 3:21.78.

Porsche, winners for the last seven years, have thrown down the gauntlet to the five strong turbo-less team of Jaguar, world sportscar champions.

Porsche were able to use their turbo boost freely, but in final practice in darkness late yesterday leading Jaguar and Porsche times were all within a second or so of each other.

In the race proper, which starts tomorrow, Porsche will need to use the turbo boost sparingly to conserve fuel.

Experts lamented the loss of Mercedes but predicted an extremely close duel between the top two names in the sport.

Mabuhay take KPTC to task

By Gail Seery

THE third round of the Kapilku-organised 1988 Filipino basketball tournament took place yesterday at the Kicfan stadium. Pinoy Restaurant beat RIC by a resounding 113 points to 62. Kay & Associates lost to Alexco by a narrow margin of 101:110. AG&P took victory over Safe-way by a comfortable 87 to 63. Mabuhay trounced KPTC by 118 points to 75; and Kuwait Regency Hotel suffered a convincing 117 to 73 defeat at the hands of Wood Group.

Two of the strongest games of the day were walkovers. KPBC, last year's champions, and still one of this year's best teams, were not playing, but it is clear that two other teams are likely to join them in the finals, Mabuhay Restaurant, and of course, AG&P.

In the Mabuhay Restaurant vs KPTC game, it was obvious from the start that Mabuhay could not be stopped from taking a win. Even so, KPTC managed to keep level, and at one stage, to draw ahead in the opening ten minutes



An Alexco player tries to get past a member of the Kay squad.

of the game. Mabuhay were one of the most pleasing teams to watch on Friday, along with AG&P. The team consists of many players from last year's Meridian team, but Mabuhay have not only strong players, but also good teamwork. A capable player like Babiera scored only nine points during the game, but set up many more baskets with some excellent co-ordination with Dingson and Corpuz. Again and again these three proved unstoppable in attack, and solid in defence.

Unlike some of the other teams where there are one or two good players who have to carry the match — like Wood, who cannot afford to allow Celso Tuedes off the court for any length of time, and Regency, who fell apart without Toti Vergara, most of Mabuhay's players are very good indeed.

The score at half-time was 55 points to 38 in Mabuhay's favour, with Babiera taking a 3pt basket right on the buzzer. The second half continued in the same vein. The KPTC players

misplaced a throw, and it landed in the hands of Mabuhay's Eduardo, who, for a moment, seemed a little confused as to what he should do with the unexpected gift. Fortunately he made the right decision, and the team edged a little bit further ahead.

To be fair, KPTC kept fighting valiantly long after there seemed to be any hope of salvaging the game. In particular Sacuesa and Aggabao worked hard, but it wasn't enough, and a very blatant foul from Aggabao on Reyes was disappointing.

Impossible

All the Mabuhay team seem to have deserved a mention, but of course, it is impossible to name every player. Good work was put in by Babiera, Menez, Reyes and Nario, but it was Corpuz and Dingson who dominated the game. Principal scorers for Mabuhay were Corpuz with 28 points, Dingson with 20, and Reyes with 16.

Principal scorers for KPTC were Sacuesa with 22, Aggabao with 19 and Corpuz with 13. Accounts of Friday's other games will be printed in tomorrow's Filipino Digest.

Olympic teams take part in Kenya tourney

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 10, (AP). The first international hockey tournament to be held in Africa in 20 years opens here tomorrow in a pre-Olympic warm-up pitting teams from Canada, India, Kenya, Pakistan and the Soviet Union, the organisers said today.

"Spectators will see all brands of hockey and some of the finest world players will exhibit their craft in Nairobi," chief Kenyan organiser Hardev Singh said.

The tournament is the first in a series of pre-Olympic dress-rehearsals planned by Kenya to feature athletics, boxing and soccer.

Kenyan sports officials have not announced the dates for other events.

Basis

Singh, who is also the deputy secretary of the African Hockey Confederation, said the tournament will be on a round-robin league basis, leading to semi-finals June 22-23. The final match is scheduled for June 25.

Matches will be at the 10,000-seat synthetic turf pitch, the only one in Africa, in a suburb of Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

Kenya invited all 12 hockey teams scheduled to compete in this year's Olympics to the tournament. However, only four could come to Nairobi because of previous commitments, Singh said.

Derbyshire win

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters). Derbyshire beat Glamorgan by 14 runs in a Benson and Hedges Cup (55 overs-a-side) semifinal cricket match at Swansea today.

Scores: Derbyshire 217 for eight innings closed. Glamorgan 203 in 54.2 overs (M. Holding five for 31).

Final: Derbyshire v Hampshire, at Lord's on July 9.

Denmark seek revenge against Spain

HANOVER, West Germany, June 10, (Reuters). Denmark will be seeking revenge when they face Spain in the European Championship finals tomorrow, having lost to them in the 1986 tournament and the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

Victory would be sweet to coach Sepp Piontek's side, whose attacking style proved the revelation of the finals in France last time around until they went out to the Spaniards on penalties in the semifinals.

The revelation was confirmed in Mexico when the Danes produced the most exciting play of the first round, only to crash 5-1 against Spain in the second round.

Tactics

But Piontek warned against making too much of the forthcoming game where rash tactics could spell defeat and an early exit from the 16-day championship.

"We won't attack as much against the Spaniards as we did in earlier matches," he said. "I only because our strikers haven't been on target very often recently."

Spain's star striker Emilio Butragueno warned his colleagues against complacency. "We have no right to feel superior, those two victories don't mean that," he said.

Butragueno discounted his own showing two years ago in Mexico, when his four goals were responsible for knocking out the Danes. "It was a one-off case," he said.

The feeling was echoed by Spanish trainer Miguel Munoz who added: "The Danish team is as strong as in 1986."

Neither side reports any injury worries before the game on the drizzle-soaked northern German plain, where up to 30,000 Danes from across the nearby border will provide up to 50 per cent of the fans in the sold-out Niedersachsenstadion.

"The boys are all fit — the question is whether they are in top form," Piontek said.

"The potential of the Spanish team is much the same as in 1986," said Munoz, whose side reached the quarterfinals of the World Cup two years ago before losing to Belgium on penalties.

"We've brought in a few new players, but overall our strength is exactly the same."

Probable teams:

Denmark — Troels Rasmussen, Soeren Busk, Morten Olsen, Ivan Nielsen, John Sivebaek, John Helt, Jan Heintze, Soeren Lerby, Michael Laudrup, Preben Elkjaer, Flemming Povlsen.

Spain — Andoni Zubizarreta, Tomas, Manuel Sanchis, Jose Antonio Camacho, Ricardo Gallego, Victor, Michel, Rafael Gordillo, Martin Vazquez, Emilio Butragueno, Jose Maria Bakero.

Connors and Cash upset in third round

LONDON, June 10, (Reuters). It was the day of the fallen champion at Queen's Club yesterday when Jimmy Connors and Pat Cash were among the vanquished at the London Grasscourt championship.

Wimbledon title holder Cash was beaten 7-6 6-4 by fellow-Australian Darren Cahill, while Connors fell to the cavalier attack of Frenchman Guy Forget 6-4 7-6.

Cash, seeded second to Sweden's Stefan Edberg, dismissed his third round defeat as irrelevant in terms of his Wimbledon defence which begins on June 20 and added: "It's a bonus."

Persistent morning rain left the courts treacherous, but Connors, the number three seed, refused to make excuses.

"Sure it was greasy, it was greasy on both sides of the net," said the world's best 35-year-old player who lies a remarkable fifth in the rankings.

Saturated

Edberg was also under threat for a considerable time against South African-born American Johan Kriek, winning 4-6 6-1 6-2 in the first match of the day on a saturated centre court.

"Johan and I thought about walking off after three games," said Edberg, the least controversial of men. "It was very difficult to keep your feet and could have been dangerous."

Fourth-seeded Boris Becker, who will be carrying a lot of smart money to win his third Wimbledon title next month, remained Edberg's likeliest opponent in Sunday's final with a smooth 6-3 6-4 win over American Bill Scanlon.

